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#### States

Slain deer hunters: Mourners gathered at a funeral parlor on Thanksgiving Day to remember one of six deer hunters killed in a shooting in Wisconsin's northwoods last weekend.

Friends and hunting buddies described 28-year-old Mark Roidt as a friendly, outgoing man, a jack-of-all-trades in carpentry and construction work who loved hunting. motorcycling and other motorsports

"He's just a warm-hearted, good-spirited said Sarah O'Donnell, who knew Roidt for 12 years.

It was the first visitation to be held for a victim of Sunday's shooting. Roidt's funeral was scheduled for Friday, with funerals for the others to be held Saturday or next week. Authorities said the six were killed and two others wounded after a confrontation

with a hunter from Minnesota who was trespassing on private land. Chai Vang, 36, remains held on \$2.5 million bail pending formal charges

Court records show that Vang, an immigrant from Laos, told authorities that the hunters surrounded him and used racial slurs before one fired a shot at him. One of the survivors gave a different account, saying Vang started shooting first

Scott Peterson trial: Rejected by the trial judge and an appeals court, Scott Peterson's lawyer asked the California Supreme Court on Wednesday for a new jury and a change of venue for the trial's penalty phase.

Attorney Mark Geragos filed the motion a day after a state apneals court ruled Peterson's sentencing will be decided by the same jury that convicted him of murder Nov. 12. The three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeals denied the petition just hours after Geragos filed it.



After a five-month trial, Peterson, 32, was convicted of one count of first-degree murder in the death of his pregnant wife, Laci, and one count of second-degree murder for the death of her fetus. The penalty phase is scheduled to begin in Redwood City on Tuesday.

Geragos claims the jury that found Peterson guilty is now tainted by public opinion, citing a frenzied mob who cheered outside the courthouse as the guilty verdicts were read and "abnormally huge" newspaper headlines

GOP convention lawsuit: Saving New York City officials had created their "own little Guantanamo on the Hudson" during the Republican National Convention, a lawyer filed a lawsuit on behalf of nearly 2,000 people arrested at demonstrations

The federal lawsuit filed Monday claims protesters and bystanders alike were rounded up in mass arrests without cause; were kept without access to their lawyers or families at an old bus depot used as a temporary detention center; and were exposed for days to cruel and inhuman conditions

The lawsuit asks for unspecified damag-

"All that was missing were the orange jumpsuits," the lawyer, Jonathan C. Moore, said. "Under the guise of terrorism and the fear of terrorism, we are all losing our rights '

#### **Business**

W.R. Grace & Co. woes: W.R. Grace & Co. said Friday it is likely to be indicted in the first quarter of 2005 by a federal grand



Visiting with troops during the holiday: Afghan President Hamid Karzai, right, meets with the head of U.S. Central Command, Gen. John Abizaid, in the presidential palace in Kabul on Friday. Abizaid, who commands American forces in both Iraq and Afghanistan, met with Karzai after visiting troops for Thanksgiving.

jury in Montana if it cannot reach a settlement with prosecutors over possible violations of federal environmental laws.

In a Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the chemical company said it had received a letter from the U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana on Oct. 29 informing the company of the investigation, which relates to the company's former vermiculite mining and processing activities in Libby. Mont.

W.R. Grace said it is likely to be indicted early next year unless it reaches a resolution with the government.

#### World

Abducted U.N. workers: Three U.N. workers, including a Filipino, held captive for almost a month in Afghanistan were "voluntarily released" by their captors and were not rescued by the military, a Philippine official said Friday.

"They were voluntarily, intentionally dropped off," Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Jose Brillantes told reporters. "There was no military rescue that led directly to the deliverance of the hostages

A militant group linked to the former hardline Taliban regime claimed to have held Filipino diplomat Angelito Nayan, Annetta Flanigan of Northern Ireland and Kosovar Shqipe Hebibi after they were seized on Oct. 28 in Kabul.

Convicted Muslim cleric: A Muslim cleric convicted of inciting violence against women has been ordered to serve a previously suspended prison sentence because of 'social danger" he poses.

Mohamed Kamal Mustafa, imam at the osque in the southern town of Fuengirola, Spain, received a court order Wednesday to serve his 15-month sentence behind bars.

Mustafa was sentenced in January in Barcelona, but his prison term was suspended because it was his first conviction - a normal practice in Spain for sentences under

Mexico mob killing: Investigators have identified at least six people suspected of burning alive two federal agents they believed were kidnappers, federal authorities said Thursday

The six were among 31 people captured during a massive raid on San Juan Ixtayopan, a town on outskirts of Mexico City where dozens of locals on Tuesday severely beat three plainclothes federal agents, then killed two by throwing paint thinner on them and setting them ablaze, said Deputy Attorney General Gilberto Higuera.

Among those arrested in the vigilante slayings was a 16-year-old boy, Higuera said at a news conference. He refused to confirm radio and newspaper reports that the youngster was the one who started the fires how-

Gitmo military tribunals: An alleged high-ranking official of the ousted Taliban regime was among three prisoners who appeared Wednesday before U.S. military review tribunals in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The 46-year-old former Taliban official had a Kalashnikov rifle when captured and has been held at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo for about a year, said Navy Lt. Gary Ross, a spokesman for the Combatant Status Review Tribunals.

Ross declined to say what position the prisoner held in the Taliban government or if he ever engaged in combat.

The military only releases unclassified portions of the allegations against prisoners who go before the review tribunals, which are meant to determine whether the 550 detainees in Guantanamo are correctly held as 'enemy combatants" or should be freed.

Six-way nuclear talks: Representatives of six nations trying to end a dispute over North Korea's nuclear weapons development will hold informal talks in Reijing in mid-December, a news report said Friday. Chief delegates of the six nations would meet for two or three days between Dec. 15 and Dec. 23, said South Korea's KBS-TV, quoting a senior South Korean government

KBS quoted the official as indicating that North Korea agreed to join the discussions aimed at setting the date and other terms for reopening official talks between the Koreas, China, Japan, Russia and the United

official

Foreign Ministry officials could not confirm the report.

Al-Qaida members released: Yemeni authorities have released 113 militants belonging to the al-Qaida network - including at least five once accused of involvement in the deadly bombing of the USS Cole - after they recanted their extremist views, security officials said Thursday.

The militants once accused in the USS Cole bombing were later cleared.

The 15 Yemeni militants convicted in August of involvement in the 2000 bombing, which killed 17 U.S. sailors, were not released

The 113 men were released during the past two weeks after signing pledges not to carry out terror acts or criminal activities.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

## Finns take over Multinational Task Force-North

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Stripes

TUZLA Rosnia-Herzegovina -It's still a few days before he officially takes command of Multinational Task Force-North, But Finnish Brig. Gen. Juha Kilpiä told the people of Bosnia they wouldn't no-tice a difference when he assumes control of an area that Americans have been in charge of since late 1995

The transition, would be "seamless and have a minimal impact on the Bosnian people. We will maintain the same safe and secure environment that SFOR presented to us," he said during a news conference Friday.

It might not be much of a surprise if changes are minimal, because Finnish troops have been a part of the Stabilization Force mission for as long as Americans have. In fact, Kilpiä commanded the Finnish battalion of troops that initially entered the country with its counterparts from the

United States. They'll now lead one of the three sectors in Bosnia as the European Union takes over the mission from NATO on Thursday. The British lead the sector to the west and the French command in the south. All told, Kilpiä said there would be about 7,000 troops from 33 countries participating in Operation Althea — commonly being called EUFOR.

About 80 percent of the force already has been serving in SFOR Members will essentially just change patches on their uniforms In addition to the American pullout, Canadian forces departed as

Kilpiä, whose rank is prikaatikenraali in Finnish, will lead a multinational force at Eagle Base that will still use English to communicate with each other. Other countries with troops in the sector include: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Ire-land, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden and Turkey,

He said there would be roughly the same number of troops in the sector - about 1 800 - as there are now

There will still be about 150 American troops at Eagle Base and 100 more near Sarajevo. All will be taking part in a continuing NATO mission under the command of U.S. Brig. Gen. Steven

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Timothy Wright, the outgoing commander of Task Force Eagle, said he is confident of the EU force's ability to effectively control security in the

"I am proud, very proud of them and their commitment to excellence," Wright said at the news conference. He also pointed out that American forces aren't totally abandoning missions in the country. The force under Schook will help train Bosnian forces, work with them in Partnership for Peace initiatives and continue to hunt for war criminals indicted by The Hague, in the Netherlands

Gen. B.B. Bell, U.S. Army Europe commander, said earlier in the week that those thinking the pullout of most Americans presented an opportunity to cause



KENT HARRIS/Stars and Strings

whelmingly, 583-7, for the deploy-

The EU force named Althea –

the largest EU-led military opera-

tion so far — is taking over on

similar to NATO's Stabilization

Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina that

has been there since the end of

Germany's contingent will re-main at 1,100, Defense Minister

Peter Struck told parliament Fri-

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the 1992-1995 war.

It will total about 7,000 troops,

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Timothy Wright, left, and Finnish Brig. Gen. Juha Kilpiä answer questions during a news conference Friday in Tuzla. Bosnia-Herzegovina. Wright is giving up command of Task Force Eagle as Stabilization Force ends its mission. Kilpiä will be the new commander of Multinational Task Force-North when the European Union takes over from NATO on Thursday.

trouble would be making a mistake. He said thousands of American soldiers in Italy and Germany could re-enter the country quickly if they were needed to support their European allies.

#### German peacekeepers

Meanwhile, German parlia-ment on Friday cleared the way for its troops to take part in the new European Union-led peacekeeping mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where they have been serving in a NATO force since

The lower house voted over-

## missing, says Red Cross

16,600 still

GENEVA - The Internation al Red Cross said Thursday that it was still looking for 16,600 people missing from the war in Bosnia, almost a decade after the conflict in the Balkan

"The sheer numbers express better than anything else the anxiety of so many who have lived so long in uncertainty," said Werner Kaspar, head of Bosnia operations at the Inter-national Committee of the Red Cross

Since the end of the 1992-95 war, painstaking work by the Red Cross and other organiza-Red Cross and other organiza-tions has resolved 5,000 cases of missing people. Most have been confirmed dead, often through forensic analysis of bodies, ICRC officials said.

Bosnia is littered with mass graves from the conflict, which was marked by the slaughter of up to 8,000 Muslim men and boys in July 1995 when Bosnian Serbs overran the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica

The Swiss-based ICRC has published six editions of its Book of the Missing from the Bosnian conflict, listing names and places of disappearance of people whose fate thousands of families are trying to discover.

### Holiday shoppers scout exchange for perfect gifts

By JASON CHUDY Stare and Strings

The security guard's warning said it "Good luck finding a parking The holiday rush hit the Naples,

Italy, Navy exchange and commissary complex Friday on what is traditionally America's busiest shopping day of the vear: the day after Thanksgiving. Petty Officer 1st Class Jose DeJesus

and his wife, Wanda, said they were willingly fighting the crowds for the exchange's advertised sales.

They had lunch at the crowded food court before making their way to look for Christmas gifts. They expect to spend about \$500 for

"seven or eight people, mostly kids," he "We've gotta buy me a gift and her a gift," he said, nodding across the table

to his wife "I'm easy, I'm low budget," he said.

But what about Wanda Shaking her head side to side she ex-

plained: "No, I want diamonds." Chief Petty Officer John Musser just wanted a telephone and a movie.

"My phone broke and I wanted a DVD to watch over the weekend," he said. "I walked in the exchange and rapidly left because of the crowds.

"I thought 'there must be a sale



Michael Gotshall loads a Christmas tree into the trunk of his car at the Navy Exchange in Naples, Italy. The live tree, which still has roots attached, will last for years, he said. The exchange sold about 15 trees by early Friday afternoon.

today," he said. "I forgot it was the day after Thanksgiving. That would explain why there are all these people

Musser did get his phone and DVD, even after an initial unsuccessful hunt through the base electronics department

Michael Gotshall got a Christmas tree at the exchange's outdoor plant-and-flower shop. "I wanted something that has roots

so we don't have to kill it," he said, loading the 7-foot tree into the back of his car. Plant store saleswoman Mercedes

Eged said they had sold about 15 trees by Friday afternoon, and had received them only a few days earlier.

Finishing a late fast-food lunch, Petty Officer 1st Class Carlos Garcia, his wife, Gina, and three of their four children prepared to leave the exchange after a successful shopping day.

"It was a little bit of everyday shopng and Christmas shopping," he said 'It just so happened we needed to come here today.'

Next to their table was a cart bulging with white Navy Exchange bags. Despite the crowds, they said, everything went smoothly, except for one thing.

"Our only problem was parking," he They had been warned.

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## 75 workers block main gate at Rota

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain - Spanish base workers briefly blocked the main gate to the naval station on Thanksgiving day, protesting plans to cut the work force by 75 employees.

Hundreds of workers gathered near the gate around 7 a.m. and stopped traffic for an hour. The protest attracted additional police to the naval station entrance but the demonstration was peaceful.

The blockade had little effect on Americans sta-tioned at the base because most of them had the day off for the holiday. The naval station also routinely keeps two other gates open to traffic.

Employees are planning more protests next week. Spanish workers and union representatives said Friday. However, they have not decided whether to demonstrate in Rota or Cadiz, the province's capital,

Earlier this month, Spanish employees received news about the work force cuts from Spain's Ministry of Defense. The U.S. government indirectly hires about 1,150 Spanish civilians through the Spanish government to work at the naval station.

The Spanish navy shares the base with 3,000 active-duty U.S. military personnel.

Base labor unions have staged numerous demonstrations and protests in the last four years demanding more take-home pay. A change in tax laws in 1999 slashed some salaries as much as 25 percent. Employees have recently focused most of their ire

on possible future work force reductions as the U.S. Navy consolidates base support services in Europe and looks for ways to save money.

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## **Green Zone attack kills 4 British employees**

#### Rebel ambush in Fallujah leaves two Marines dead, three wounded

By MARIAM FAM

BAGHDAD — A mortar attack killed four employees of a Britise security firm and wounded at least 12 in Baghdad's Green Zone, a fortified area that houses the U.S. and Iraqi leadership, the company and British officials said Fridav.

Insurgents in Fallujah ambushed U.S. troops as they entered a home during house-to-house searches in the former rebel bastion, killing two Marines and wounding three others. the U.S. military said Friday.

In the northern city of Mosul, 21 bodies have been found in the past two days in and around the area shaken by an insurgent uprising, the U.S. military said Friday. In all, 41 corpses have been discovered in the past week.

Britain's Foreign Office said the four security workers for London-based Global Risk Strategies killed in Baghdad were former Gurkhas, renowned Nepalese soldiers.

"The mortar landed in their camp," said a Foreign Office official on condition of anonymity Tim J. O'Brien, spokesman for Global Risk Strategies, said the attack was on Thursday, when multiple explosions were heard and black smoke was seen rising from the fortified zone on the western bank of the Tigris River.

"There was an incident yesterday. We lost four people and had 12 to 15 who were injured," he said. "We can't confirm what this incident actually was until we go through internal investigations." O'Brien declined to identify the

O'Brien declined to identify the victims.

In Fallujah, Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler, commanding general of the

1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said the Marines ambushed Thursday by insurgents when searching a home responded with gunfire, killing three rebels hiding inside.

U.S. troops are conducting clearing operations after a massive weeklong U.S.-led assault that began Nov. 8.

"We will continue to clear out houses till every one is secure. We've taken more and more of their safe houses. They're running out of places to hide," he said.

Sattler vowed the city 40 miles west of Baghdad will be safe in time for next January's nation-wide elections.

Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, was the site of a mass insurgent uprising in apparent support of Fallujah guerrillas following the assault on that rebel stronghold. U.S. and Iraqi forces were sent to retake parts of the city but insurgents have managed to hit back.

"It's a continued campaign of by insurgents to spread fear into the public. Their campaign has been directed at what appears to be Iraqi security forces," said Lt. Col. Paul Hastings, a spokesman with Task Force Olympia.

Eleven of the 41 bodies found around Mosul have been identified as members of the Iraqi security forces. The others have not been identified. Six were found Friday and 15 were discovered the day before, U.S. officials said.

Twenty other bodies have been found in Mosul since Nov. 18. At least 10 of the bodies — nine of them shot execution-style — belonged to the Iraqi regular army, based at the al-Kisik military base about 31 miles west of



U.S. soldiers patrol Fallujah, Iraq, on Friday. Insurgents ambushed troops as they entered a home during house-to-house searches in the

former rebel bastion of the city, killing two Marines and wounding three others, the U.S. military said.

Mosul. near Tal Afar. Four of the by mortars, rocket-propelled gre-

bodies were decapitated.
"I cannot speak to the motive or
the level of detail and planning. I
just know that since the uprising,
... there's been accelerated and

very deliberate attacks on Iraqi security forces," Hastings said. U.S. and Iraqi troops were hit by mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire as they were retrieving two of the bodies found Thursday, according to Lt. Col. Eric Kurilla of the Army's 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment

The U.S. military spotted at least one team of insurgents firing at them. One Iraqi National Guardsman suffered minor injuries, according to Kurilla.

Iraqi security forces in Mosul arrested four people Thursday night accused of providing money and information to insurgents, officials said Friday.

Maj. Gen. Rashid Feleih, commander of a special Interior Ministry force sent from Baghdad, said Iraqi forces said three are accused of financing terror operations and the fourth of providing insurgents with information.

On Thursday, National Security Adviser Qassem Dawoud said a key lieutenant to al-Zarqawi had been captured a few days ago in Mosul, identifying him only as Abu Saeed.

Iraqi officials have said that al-Zarqawi, along with other insurgent leaders, had escaped from Fallujah during the U.S.-led assault earlier in the month. Al-Zarqawi heads an al-Qaida linked terror group believed responsible for numerous car bombings and beheadings of foreign hostages.

Also Friday, Navy Secretary Gordon R. England warned of

### U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, at least 1,230 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 961 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said

The figures include three military civilians.

The Defense Department

The Defense Department did not provide an update Thursday.

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19, Po-land, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.
Since May 1. 2003. when

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,092 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 852 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's num-

The latest deaths reported by the military:

No new deaths reported.

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ported.

more violence in Iraq ahead of the country's nationwide elections but said U.S. and Iraqi forces will prevail in securing the

"There will be efforts to disrupt the elections," England said on a visit to Marines at a camp outside Fallujah. "The insurgents don't want the elections to be held and certainly not that they be successful. But we will prevail."

In the southern city of Basra, Iraqi forces arrested four insurgents who said they were planning attacks against coalition bases and police stations, officials said Friday, a day after a joint British-Iraqi operation netted three dozen men in the area.

Iraqi National Guardsmen arrested the four after a brief gunfight at the Al-Yarmouk Hotel. Three of the men came from Fallujah and the fourth from Samarra, according to an Iraqi National Guard official who spoke on con-

dition of anonymity.

The four men told Iraqi officials they were planning attacks in southern Basra, which is the headquarters for some 8,500 British troops, in an attempt to relieve the U.S. military pressure on Fal-

One of the insurgents was injured during the gunfight and weapons were found in their hotel room, the Iraqi official said.

Near the northern city of Kirkuk, gunmen attacked a police station in Rashad Thursday night, killing one policeman and injuring three, police said Friday.



Iraqi police display arrested drug smugglers with their drugs in Basra, Iraq, on Friday. The arrests followed an operation Thursday where Iraqi National Guardsmen and police commandos, backed by coalition forces, raided several locations in the town of Zubayr, just west of Basra, said British spokesman Maj. Charlie Mayo.

## Boost in vets' benefits caps fruitful year

lame-duck and bitterly divided Congress found comity enough in mid-November to pass three bills that will raise veterans' benefits, improve pay for Department of Veterans Affairs doctors and strengthen veterans' legal rights.

The bills cap another year of solid pay gains and benefit gains for a military community that law-makers recognize is under enormous strain

Besides passing the veterans bills, a worried Congress this year began to reverse some of the post-Cold War drawdown, voting to raise active Army forces by 20,000 and Marines by 3,000. Top pay initiatives this year include a 3.5 percent raise and the last of a series of above-average increases in Basic Allowance for Housing, both to occur in January.

With 182,000 Reserve and Guard members still mobilized, and many serving yearlong combat tours, Congress is anxious to improve benefits and avoid a recruiting and retention crisis. But lawmakers also began to heed Bush administration warnings about cost and to link new benefits to continued service.

Reservists, for example, will see better education benefits but only if they were mobilized for at least 90 days. By May, drilling reservists will be able to buy Tri-care Standard coverage at a reasonable rate. But the offer is open only to those who were mobilized. They are entitled to a year's coverage for every 90 days of activated

Military retirees and survivors scored a huge victory when Congress voted to phase out by April 2008 a sharp drop in Survivor Benefit Plan payments that occurs at age 62. All current and future participants stand to gain but the first group to see higher payments, by October, will be 270,000 SBP recipients already 69 or older.

The other big winners from the legislation year are 15,000 retirees with 20 or more years of ser-

### MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philnot

vice and disability ratings of 100 percent. On Jan. 1, they will see their military retired pay fully restored. Congress voted to accelerate for this group a planned 10-year phase-out of the ban on "concurrent receipt" of both military retirement and disability nay.

Tops among the three new veterans bills passed and sent to the White House for signature is the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act (\$ 2486), This bill will:

■ open the active-duty Montgomery GI Bill to drilling reservists if they complete two consecutive years of active-duty service (they will have a year after deactivation to pay the required \$1,200 "buy-in" contribution)

■increase by \$100 a month GI Bill payments for apprentices for apprentices for apprentices in October, these benefits will be \$853 a month for the first six months of training, \$653 a month for the second six months and \$452 for subsequent months, 9GB GI Bill coverage will be expanded to include competency-based apprenticeships as well as time-based ones);

■ increase to \$333,700 the maximum home loan amount allowed

under the VA loan guaranty program (the VA currently guarantees 25 percent of a qualified home loan of up to \$240,000; the higher ceiling is the same used by the Freddie Mac home loan program and, like the Freddie Mac program, the VA amount will be adjusted to keep pace with infla-

■ provide an additional \$250 a month in Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, for two years, to surviving spouses who have children under age 18 (DIC is paid when a servicemember dies on active duty or a veteran dies from a service-connected disabili-

require the VA to exclude life insurance payments from "income" when determining veterans' death pension benefits;

restart VA guarantees for adjustable-rate mortgages, though

extend the VA's hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage loan program, which was set to expire next year (hybrid mortgage loans have a fixed rate for three to five years before they become adjust-

■ increase from 18 months to 24 months the period that an employer must make available company health benefits to mobilized reservists:

■ clarify other legal protections under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act and the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, including that spouses too can terminate leases on apartments or cars, without financial penalty, when the member deploys.

The VA Health Care Personnel Enhancement Act (S 2484) will increase pay to VA physicians and dentists and allow more-flexible work schedules for its nurses. Doctors will move to a new three-tier system of basic pay, market pay and performance pay. Annual basic pay will run from 590,000 to \$132,000. Additional "market pay" will be set based on VA needs and the health-care labor market. Performance pay will be tied to specific goals. It could not exceed \$15,000 or 7.5 percent of combined basic

pay and market pay.

The same bill would allow the VA to pay nurses who work three 12-hour shifts as though three worked 40 hours; allow nurses to work full time for nine months, take off three months and be paid 75 percent of full-time pay throughout the year; allow the VA to offer \$10,000 to \$25,000 in an unual special pay to nurse executives.

Finally, the Veterans Health Programs Improvement Act (HR 3936) would, among other things, and patient co-payments for VA-provided hospice care, require the VA to establish its first multi-trauma centers to study mew treatments for the most severe type of war wounds, and increase assistance to homeless veterans by \$24 million a year, or about one-thing.

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# Military researching how to make eggs better for MREs

BY JAMES HANNAH
The Associated Press

The Associated Press

The military is trying to make the egg edible for

Researchers at Ohio State University and two other schools are working on a new process designed to produce a tastier, more tender egg that can be used in combat rations.

The use of eggs in Meals, Ready to Eat pouches or MREs— was discontinued about 10 years ago after soldiers complained they were rubbery, tasted bad and had a grayish tint.

"Eggs are a real challenge to get that quality that is appropriate to heat and serve," said Patrick Dunne, senior adviser in the Combat Rations Directorate at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center near Boston.

Dunne, a biochemist, said the previous process used to preserve the MRE eggs—which came in the form of an egg-and-ham omelet — involved subjecting the eggs to high temperatures for more than 90 minutes.

"You've got thoroughly cooked eggs to say the least," he said.

Gary Holben, commander of the Army Reserve 76th Transportation Company based in Dayton, Ohio, said the military will have to improve the eggs a lot over the old ham omelet for them to become a hot item among soldiers.

Holben, who likes eggs, said the omelet had a rubbery texture and tasted lousy.

"And the appearance was really bad," he said. "It looked like green eggs and ham."

Researchers at Ohio State, Washington State University and the Illinois Institute of Technology are experimenting with a way to preserve scrambled-egg patties by combining high temperature with high pressure. By applying pressure of 100,000 pounds per square inch, the process only takes about six minutes.

"The pressure kills the bacteria and at the same time doesn't affect the quality," said researcher V.M. "Bala" Balasubramaniam, a food scientist at Ohio State. "There seems to

.M. "Bala" Balasubramaniam, a food scientist at Ohio State. "There seems to be a better acceptance of this product."

The researchers have been working on the project for the past 16 months with a \$250,000 grant. Balasubramaniam said the researchers have been experimenting with different

egg recipes.

The scrambled-egg patties being tested contain about 20 percent cheese. The eggs are been taste-tested by a consumer panel at Wash.

contain about 20 percent cheese. The eggs have been taste-tested by a consumer panel at Washington State.

"They blessed it," Dunne said.

Next, the eggs will be taste-tested by food technologists at the Massachusetts soldier center, who will rate the eggs for flavor and tenderness. The packaging system must still be finished, and the Food and Drug Administration must approve the eggs before they can be sent to soldiers for field tests.

Dunn hopes the new egg item can be introduced next year, but said it may not get into the hands of troops until a year or two later.



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#### IN THE WORLD

## Chinese police hunt man in bloody knife attack



Police investigators inspect the site of a murder case Friday in the No. 2 High School in Ruzhou, a city in central China's Henan Province.

### Suspect reportedly kills at least 8 students in dorm

BEIJING - A man with a knife broke into a high school dormitory and killed as many as nine boys as they slept - the deadliest of a series of knife attacks at Chinese schools in recent months, the government said Friday.

Police were hunting for the man fol-lowing the attack late Thursday at the No. 2 High School in the city of Ruzhou, government news agencies reported They said the motive was under investi-

The man broke into the dormitory at 11:45 p.m. and "chopped eight people to " the official Xinhua News Agency said. Another state-run outlet, the

China News Service, put the death toll

Ruzhou police refused to release any other information

The China News Service said the attacker might have been a former student who had been expelled. It cited a survivor as saying that during the attack, the man with the knife said, "Don't blame me.

It was the fourth knife attack reported at a Chinese school or day care center in as many months. The earlier assaults left one child dead and a total of 42 people injured.

The spate of violence prompted the government of President Hu Jintao to

for schools to hire guards and tighten se-

The reason for the surge in knife attacks isn't clear. They have taken place throughout China and involve attackers from different backgrounds. In the only other fatal case until this week, an attacker at a Beijing kindergarten was reported to be an employee of the school who had a history of mental illness.

But China's cities and towns seethe with grudges and personal feuds amid wrenching economic and social change.

Fatal bombings, mass poisonings and other attacks are reported frequently, usually blamed on people trying to hurt business rivals or seeking revenge in often minor disputes.

## Ukraine candidates meet for crisis talks

By ALEKSANDAR VASOVIC The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine - President Leonid Kuchma on Friday met the two candidates at the center of Ukraine's presidential election crisis along with key European en vovs as opposition supporters blockaded

government buildings. The envoys arrived in Kiev in an effort to help solve the political crisis that has engulfed this ex-Soviet republic since Sun-

presidential election, which the opposition and the **44** I don't need power at the West criticized as fraudulent. Kuchgovernment certified Prime Minister Viktor Yanuk-

ovvch as the winner. but Western-leaning Viktor Yushchenko claims he was robbed of victory

"Only talks can resolve the difficult situation that was created after the election. Kuchma said at the start of the negotiations, according to his spokeswoman Olena Gromitska, "It can be resolved through

The meeting also included European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana, Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus and Boris Gryzlov, speaker of Russia's lower house of parliament. Jan Kubis, the head of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and Volodymyr Lytvyn,

speaker of the Ukrainian parliament, also narticinated

Earlier, Kuchma thanked the European envoys for "making every effort so that these negotiations take place not on the street - which can never give a positive result - but around a negotiating table," the Interfax news agency quoted him as saying after meeting Solana and Kwasniews-

"The situation is more than difficult," Kwasniewski told journalists.

Vushchenko had previously said he would negotiate only with Kuchma, and that the main condition for holding talks was the president's acknowl-

edoment that the

presidential candidate election was invalid.

Viktor Yanukovych

cost of spilled blood. 77

But Kuchma hasn't shown any sign of backing down.

"Any revolution must end in peace," Kuchma said in a televised statement. "The sooner this so-called revolution ends. the better it will be for the Ukrainian peo-

Ukraine, a nation of 48 million, has been seized by an ever-escalating political crisis since Sunday's vote. Throngs of Yushchenko supporters have set up a sprawling tent camp along a main avenue and square in Kiev, braving freezing temperatures for five straight nights.

Yanukovych, meanwhile, rallied some

2,000 supporters waving his blue-and-white campaign flags in front of Kiev's

Many had apparently arrived in buses and trains from Ukraine's industrial east, Yanukovych's main support base.

"I don't need power at the cost of spilled blood," Yanukovych said in remarks broad-cast on the pro-Yanukovych TRK Ukraine

In Chernihiv, about 80 miles north of Kiev, police fired smoke grenades over the heads of a pro-Yushchenko crowd after someone threw an "explosive packet" at a police cordon outside the mayor's office. police spokeswoman Raisa Deikun said. Two policemen were hospitalized, she said. It was not immediately clear what the evolosive nacket was. Deikun said the nrotesters had been trying to seize the mayor's

In Kiev, protesters standing five deep and linking arms blockaded the Cabinet building where Yanukovych works and refused to let staff enter.

Protesters also blocked surrounding streets with buses and vans decorated with Yushchenko's orange flags, posters and rib-

Protesters also surrounded the presidential administration building, which was heavily guarded by police in riot gear. The Supreme Court has ordered the elec-

tion's final results not be published pending an appeal filed by Yushchenko's camp. The appeal will be heard Monday, and Yanukovych cannot be inaugurated until results are published.

#### Two agents found shot

MEXICO CITY - Two federal police agents were discovered wounded but alive on Friday near Cancun, a day after nine other people in the area were discovered slain in what ap-

peared to be drug-related violence. Quintana Roo state Attorney Gener-al Celia Perez Gordillo said the two men from the Federal Agency of Investigation were found shortly before dawn with gunshot wounds in their legs. One also had a broken leg, she

#### U.S. citizen faces treason

FRANKFURT, Germany — German prosecutors said Friday they have charged a U.S. citizen with attempted treason for allegedly trying to sell German military secrets to a country outside NATO

The German-born woman, a 43-year-old translator who has been liv-ing in Canada, was hired by a company to translate German military docu-

ments, federal prosecutors said.

The woman, identified by prosecutors only as Michaela T., allegedly decided to sell the documents to the intelligence service of a country outside the NATO alliance after having problems getting paid for the job.

#### Same time, same place

PRAGUE, Czech Republic - U.S. funded Radio Free Europe/Radio Lib-erty will have its contract extended to in its current location in downtown Prague for up to two more years. officials said Thursday.

The Finance Ministry has drafted an extension of the current contract, which expires by the end of the year, said Marek Zeman, the ministry spokesman. He said the government will formally approve the extension be-fore the end of the year.

#### India test-fires missile

BHUBANESHWAR, India - India on Friday test-fired a surface-to-air missile on the coast of eastern Orissa state, a government official said.

The weapon, named "Akash," or "Sky," has a range of 15-20 miles and can carry conventional warheads, the official said on condition of anonymity. India's arsenal also includes medium-range, long-range and supersonic missiles with both nuclear and conventional capabilities.

#### WTO approves sanctions on U.S. exports By JONATHAN FOWLER

The Associated Press

GENEVA - The World Trade Organiza tion on Friday approved stiff sanctions on a wide range of American exports that could include cod, heavy machinery and apples intended to punish the United States for failing to repeal what it considers protectionist legislation, a trade diplomat said.

"It's been approved," said Amina C. Mohamed. Kenyan ambassador to the WTO and chairwoman of the organization's dis pute settlement body.

The European Union and other plaintiffs sought formal WTO authorization to retaliate by imposing new duties against various U.S. products. Among the potential targets are cod, textiles, glassware, mobile homes and apples. The WTO dispute settlement body had

been scheduled to take the action Wednesday, but U.S. trade diplomats held last-minute talks with counterparts from the European Union and countries including Canada and India.

Although U.S. officials declined to com-

ment, the move was believed to have followed wrangling after Washington requested fine-tuning of documents submitted to

The 2000 law, named for Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., was written with the steel industry in mind. It was ruled illegal two years ago by the 148-nation WTO follo ing a complaint spearheaded by the EU.

panies to receive proceeds from duties levied on foreign rivals for alleged "dumping"
— selling goods at below-market prices. making it impossible for American producers to compete.

The WTO backed claims that the amendment breaks trade laws by punishing exporters to the United States twice because they are first fined, and then those fines are passed on to their competitors.

In August, a WTO arbitrator approved penalties of up to 72 percent of the money collected from foreign exporters and hand ed to American companies and said the winners in the case should submit lists of potential targets. Under WTO rules, however, formal authorization must come from the dispute settlement body.



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## Officials: Iran, EU nuclear dispute nears compromise

BY GEORGE JAHN

The Associated Press
VIENNA, Austria — Iran and
European negotiators reached a
tentative compromise committing Tehran to freezing a program that can make nuclear-weapons grade uranium, but
Tehran still had to approve the
agreement, diplomats said Friday.

The compromise means Iran must give up its insistence on exempting 20 centrifuges from a total freeze of all uranium enrichment activities, one of the diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But instead of putting International Atomic Energy Agency seals on the equipment, the centrifuges would be monitored by IAEA cameras, said the diplomat, who is familiar with Iran's nucle-

#### Actress covers up

JERUSALEM — It looks like Sarah Jessica Parker is too sexy for some Israelis' tastes.

A poster and billboard campaign showing the "Sex and the City" actress in a skimpy, sequined dress was quickly replaced with new ads of her in a dress that covered her arms, back and thigh, reportedly after ultra-Orthodox consumers objected to her outfit.

After an angry phone call from a prominent rabbi, the consumer goods giant Unilever quickly gave Parker a more modest wardrobe, the Haaretz daily reported.

#### Cooking for a cause

SYDNEY, Australia — Aid workers and celebrity chefs created a stir on the banks of Sydney Harbor on Friday by cooking up what they hoped will be the world's largest risotto — a seven-ton tub of rice and pease—to raise awareness of world hunger.

"There are literally tens of

"Inere are interaily tens of thousands of children dying every week from malnutrition," said Robert Glasser, Chief Executive of Aid agency CARE Australia.

#### Snake charmers irked

BHUBANESHWAR, India — A group of snake charmers has threatened to release poisonous cobras and pythons in the legislature of the eastern Indian state of Orissa if authorities continue to prevent them from holding roadside shows. Wildlife officials arrested

Wildlife officials arrested half a dozen snake charmers this week in Bhubaneshwar, the capital of Orissa, and other towns, seizing pythons and cobras they use in their acts.

That infuriated the snake

charmers of Orissa.
"We will be left with no option but to release nearly 5,000 poisonous snakes in our possession into the state secretariat building and the state legislature if forest officials continue to harass us in the name of wildlife protection," Kedar Das, a snake charmer, told reporters Thursday.

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Other diplomats said the details still had to be finalized before the agreement was formally announced, but confirmed the essence of the deal. One senior European Union diplomat said the Europeans and the IAEA were still awaiting for approval from Tehran Differences between the European and Iranian interpretations of an agreement for Tehran to freeze to freeze all uranium enrichment activities — which can produce electricity or weapons raised fears that the agreement would be scuttled.

Iran had demanded that it be allowed to operate 20 centrifuges.

The EU says the Nov. 7 deal mandates a suspension of all activities related to enrichment, including running the centrifuges, which spin gas into fuel-level or

weapons-grade uranium. The freeze was to last for least as long as it took the two sides to discuss a pact to provide Iran with EU technical assistance, economic aid and other concessions.

The proposed solution — video cameras instead of agency seals — would allow the Iranians to save face, an EU delegate said.

The proposed deal also commits Iran to a pledge not to reprocess plutonium — which it would be able to do in several years' time, once it completes work on a heavy water reactor in the city of Arak.

The EU deal envisages helping Iran build a light-water reactor—from which extraction of weap-ons-grade nuclear material is difficult—diplomats said the Europeans hoped the plan would encourage Iran not to complete its heavy water facility.



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#### IN THE STATES

## **Bush sticks close to home for Thanksgiving**

#### President calls troops from his Texas ranch

BY SCOTT LINDLAW The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas - President Bush spent a down-to-earth Thanksgiving Day at his ranch eating leftovers and riding his from Baghdad, his secret destination a year ago.

Bush also called members of the military stationed around the world, most of them deployed to

It was a dual celebration: His twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, marked their 23rd birthdays on the family's ranch. Also at the home were Laura Bush and her mother, Jenna Welch, and the president's parents. former President Bush and Barbara Bush.

The family worked on leftovers from Wednesday's luncheon meeting with Spain's King Carlos and Queen Sofia. That meal had a Thanksgiving theme, with free-range turkey and gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, bass caught at the ranch, stuffing, pan-roasted vegetables, pecan and pumpkin pies with ice cream. There was cake Thursday for the twins' birthdays.

Bush also rode his bicycle on the trails at the 1,600-acre ranch,

and chopped cedar, White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan

In the morning, the president called 10 members of the military representing all five branches of the service. "As the men and women of America's armed forces are sacrificing for the liberties we all enjoy, the president wanted to express his gratitude for their service and sacrifice, and to wish them a happy Thanksgiving," Buchan said.

Last Thanksgiving, Bush slipped away from the ranch to visit troops in Baghdad, leaving his family and most of his usual entourage behind. Mindful of that history, many aides and journalists anxiously awaited word of another secret trip this year.



President Rush phones II.S. troops from his ranch in Crawford, Texas.

### New homeland security advertising campaign hits home veiled this week, uses sweet young children

By Stedhen Kiehi AND ABIGAIL TUCKER

A little girl with big brown eyes sits at the kitchen table eating cereal. Milk dribbling down her chin, she asks innocently, "So, Mom, what if something happened? Should I stay where I am and wait for you or go to Grandma's house since it's closest? Is there a place we all meet? What should I do?

The ad, soon to appear on television, is part of a U.S. Department of Homeland Security campaign to encourage families to develop plans in case of a terrorist attack. The attention-grabbing campaign, unand haunting music to strike an emotional chord - but perhaps an overly dark one, some fear. "I'm concerned that it will lead to a bo-

geyman mentality," said Ned Gaylin, pro-fessor emeritus of family studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. "We talk to kids about not talking to strangers. We don't tell them they could rape you. We don't tell them they could put a gun in your mouth.

"You want to give kids the truth. You don't necessarily want to give them the

Previous public service campaigns by

the Homeland Security Department fea tured Secretary Tom Ridge talking about being prepared — hardly gripping televi-

Hoping to draw more notice, the department enlisted BBDO Worldwide - known for such touching campaigns as GE's "We Bring Good Things to Life" — to create a

new series of ads.
One is called "Family." It shows two young boys and a girl, apparently siblings, watching television in a dark room. the light from the TV flickering on their faces. "How do we keep in touch with each other if the phones don't work?" asks one boy. An announcer urges the viewer to go to www.ready.gov for more information

The ads will run during donated time on network and cable TV. Exact times have not been determined, but Homeland Security has requested the ads run only during adult programming. Those who made the ads intend for them to make an immediate impact.

"This is not like placing a McDonald's spot that will run five times during prime time," said Kathy Crosby, a senior president at the Ad Council, which developed the ads with BBDO for the government. "We have to make every piece of communication compelling. It's gotta gotta count. We hope these ads really spark a dialogue among families.



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Crowds of shoppers wait in line before the 6:00 a.m. opening at a Wal Mart in East Windsor, Conn., for markdowns to kick off the holiday shopping season, nicknamed "Black Friday."

## On your mark, get set ... shop

## Chaotic scenes across U.S. mark official beginning of holiday shopping

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO The Associated Press

Retailers opened their doors before the sun rose Friday, the official start of the holiday shopping season, tempting early risers with specials on a variety of items in-cluding flat-screen TVs and toys.

Retailers are keeping their fingers crossed that, in an improving though still challenging economy, the crowds will keep coming throughout the next month.

By the time Wal-Mart's store in a Buffalo, N.Y. suburb of Hamburg opened its doors at 6 a.m. 1.000 people had formed a lined that spanned the entire store front, despite temperatures of 31 degrees. "It's our tradition." said Ruth

Pompeo, of Lackawanna, N.Y, who was up at 3 a.m. and in line by 4:30 a.m. with her 11-year-old niece Shelby Strack. "I don't know what I'm here to grab, actu-" she said. "Whatever I can.

Many of the early bird specials on hot items were in short supply, however. At another Wal-Mart store in Alpharetta, Ga., just north of Atlanta, a supply of discounted Video Now personal video players sold out in just 12 minutes

That's why many shoppers mapped out a strategy to get the most coveted bargains.

"The deals are better this early in the morning," said Karen Dawkins, from Cavce, S.C., who was at a Toys R Us store in Columbia, S.C. and was almost done with her buying shortly after 6 a.m. "I have my mother at Circuit City and my sister at Target ... so we have people stationed at other stores

She added, "We all got together after Thanksgiving dinner and got the ads and made a list Debbie Redmon of Thayer,

Mo., set her alarm for 3:20 a.m. but woke up at 3 a.m., ready to take advantage of bargain shop-ping in Little Rock, Ark. "I guess the adrenaline was flowing," she said.

She and daughter-in-law Kerri Littleton of Benton, Ark., hit the same places in Little Rock every year: BestBuy, then Kohl's, then Staples, then Sports Authority They had their eyes on BestBuy's Sony PlayStation2 for \$149.99 and an MP3 player marked down from \$129.99 to \$29.99.

"We'll finish up all our shopping today," Redmon said. "But we're usually at some place even after it gets dark. Then I collapse

Crystal Rhoades of Wake Forest, N.C., stood in front of Hudson Belk department store at Trian-gle Town Center in Raleigh, N.C. with Darlene Hackney of Creedmoor in temperatures hovering around 33 degrees

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> **Debbie Redmon** Shopping at Best Buy in Little Rock, Ark,

been known to push stores into profitability for the year.

'Since I had to go to work today, I figured I'd come in here before I go to work," she added "So I've got until 7 o'clock to find a deal. After that, I'm out of here. I've got to be at work by 8 o'clock

In Manchester Conn Claude Samson, lined up at 3 a.m. in front of Wal-Mart, three hours before the store opened. He filled two carts full of toys and cooking sup-

"I think it's a little crazy and there's probably a simpler way of doing this, but at the same time, you are saving so much," he said "When you are saving \$30 or \$40 on a gift, you're going to do what you have to do.

Things weren't going as well in the cold and rainy Bismarck, N.D., where only about 100 people were in line at Wal-Mart by 4:30 a.m., a half hour before open-ing, compared with several hundred last year.

"Last year, they broke down a door trying to get in," said Mary Lou Horning, a Wal-Mart employee who has been through a half-dozen Black Fridays. "It's wild. It's an amazing day. "I think the weather has defi-

nitely [had] an impact, but they'll be here," Horning said.

Many of the Wal-Mart shoppers said they wanted to by a 24-inch flat-screen Symphonic

television, on sale for \$139.92 Many of the nation's retailers are not panicking — not just yet anyway, according to John Morris, an analyst at Harris Nesbitt. They're just trying to drive as

> season. he said. In fact, discounting for the mall-based

apparel retailers he follows 5 percent below what it was a year ago Retailers' spirits have

improved in recent weeks as falling fuel prices and job gains revived consumer spending momentum that slowed in the summer.

But many shoppers, particularly those with limited disposable income, are saying they will be Fuel prices remain high, and the job market still is volatile

The Washington-based National Retail Federation projects that total sales, after restaurant and auto sales are excluded, will increase 4.5 percent for the November-December period. That would be less than the 5.1 percent gain of a year earlier.

Michael Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers, predicts a "pretty good Christmas," estimating that sales at stores opened at least a year for the November-December period will be up anywhere from 3 percent to 4 percent. That compares to a 4 percent rise a year ago. Retailers' efforts last year to

get shoppers to buy early paid off. During the 2003 holiday shopping season, the busiest day was the Friday after Thanksgiving, instead of the last Saturday before Christmas, which was the second busiest day, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers. That reversed a trend seen over the last ten years, when the busiest day was the Saturday before Christmas, according to Mike Niemira, chief economist at the industry group.

AP bureaus in Buffalo, N.Y., Bismarch N.D., Raleigh, N.C., Atlanta, Ga., Little Rock, Ark., Boston, and Hartford, Cor contributed to this report.



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## Rocks fall on I-70 in Colorado

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo.

— Snowfall delayed repairs Friday to a section of Interstate 70 where a rock slide sent boulders as big as vans crashing onto the road.

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Road crews, under the glare of
portable spotlights, toiled through
the night in hopes of reopening one
lane of traffic in each direction.
But the highway through scenic
Glenwood Canyon in western Colorado remained closed Friday morn-

ing.

More than three dozen boulders landed on Interstate 70 early Thursday, some embedded 6 feet deep. State officials ended up closing a 24-mile section of the main east-west artery through Colorado. They rerouted Thanksgiving Jutraffic that ordinarily flows between Glenwood Springs and Gypsum along an almost 220-mile detour to the north.

Geologists and engineers were working alongside the crews, trying to figure out what caused the

"This is the worst I've seen in my eight years," said Stacey Stegman, spokeswoman for the state transportation department.

No one was injured in the slide, estimated at 100 feet long and 10



In this photo released by the state Department of Transportation, crews work on a section of Interstate 70 that is closed Thursday near Glenwood Springs, Colo., after a rock slide that left boulders embedded about six feet deen into part of the highway.

feet deep. An overturned truck had forced authorities to temporarily close the interstate earlier Thursday. They were preparing to reopen the road when rocks began rumbling down the canyon walls a mile away.

The slide left holes in the decks of two bridges, damaged guardrails and knocked out two wall panels along westbound lanes of the elevated mountain corridor.

Diann Allen of Redondo Beach, Calif., was just 30 miles from her destination when she learned she wouldn't be traveling any farther on I-70. She'd been headed to Marble to meet her boyfriend's three college-age sons for the first time. "Everything was going great until I got here," Allen said outside a Gypsum convenience store. "I guess I'll have leftover turkey. It

tastes better anyway."
Highway worker David Kuhn
had the unenviable job of informing motorists who had not heard
about the slide that they were in
for a long detour. He also had to accept — and help travelers do the
same — the uncertainty of when

the road might reopen.
"It could be 10 hours," Kuhn said Thursday. "It could be two

# Turnpike strike puts truckers in tight spot

The Associated Press

PITTSRURGH - The first strike in the Pennsylvania Turnnike's 64-year history is forcing some truckers to make a tough decision: Should they make a few bucks by pocketing the tolls they would normally pay, or buy extra gas to bypass a 531-mile picket line in a show of solidarity with fellow union members? Trucks weighing between 40 and 50 tons, the most common on the turnpike, normally would pay \$140 to travel from the east side of the state to the west, while heavier trucks are typically charged \$794 to travel end-to-end.

Truckers and other drivers on the turnpike got free rides on Wednesday after about 2,000 toll collectors, maintenance workers and office employees walked off

the job.

Managers began manning toll booths just after midnight on Thursday and were only charging \$2 per car and \$15 per commercial vehicle. Normally, the toll varies by distance, but the flat rate was charged to make things simpler and prevent backups at the toll nazas.

E-ZPass user could pay the regular toll or the flat fee, whichever was chaanar

Mark Watkins, a terminal manager for Hess Trucking Co. In Harrisburg, was trying to route his truckers around the tumpike because their contract bars them from passing through the Teamsters union picket lines. "It stims, It's going to be a pain in the butt," Watkins told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazete in a story vublished

Thursday. Normally, the trucking company has as many as 15 trucks ferrying candy on the turnpike, but Watkins was sending drivers through traffic on side roads, up steep hills and on little known routes that will cost the company time and money.

As many as 1,000 truck drivers in Allegheny County also have contracts that bar them from passing through the Teamsters union picket lines, said Joe Rossi, vice president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local

Eric Baughman, Pittsburgh terminal manager for Bulkmatic Transport, said the strike will likely be a boon to owner-operators who can pocket the money they'd normally pay in tolls rather than giving it back to their companies.

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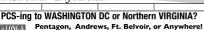
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## Some on Hill decry getting stuck with big bills

By JIM ABRAMS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Ronald Reagan, in his 1988 State of the Union address to Congress, hefted a 1,000-page, 14-pound spend-ing bill and warned lawmakers against sending him more "behemoths" like this.
"And if you do, I will not sign it."

Last Saturday, Congress passed a spending bill of more than 3,000 pages — what Sen. Robert Byrd called a "monstrosity" to fund most federal programs in 2005. President Bush will sign it into law next month, but only after Congress returns to pass a separate bill to nullify a single sentence, discovered on Page 1,112 of the spending measure, that could have jeopardized taxpaver privacy rights.

Reagan, in his speech, said the budget process had broken down and "needs a drastic overhaul." If anything, the process is even more broken today, with Congress inured to voting on huge, largely unread, spending legislation long after the budget year begins on Oct. 1.

Ineptitude, irresponsibility, lack of leadership: All those words come to mind" in describing how Congress carries out its prime constitutional duty of controlling the public pursestrings, said Tom Schatz, president of Citizens Against Government Waste.

Congress is supposed to pass 13 appropriations bills every year covering de-fense, education, health, foreign aid and every other aspect of federal spending, excluding entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security.

But it rarely meets the Oct. 1 deadline. and in six of the past seven years has had to resort to huge "omnibus" bills that throw all the unfinished bills, as well as some totally unrelated measures, into one package

This year the \$388 billion omnibus for 2005 combined nine of the 13, just about everything except defense, homeland security and a tiny District of Columbia bill.

The 2004 budget wasn't concluded until last January, with a seven-bill, \$373 billion package, and the 2003 budget in February with an 11-bill, \$397 billion package.

"It is a terrible way to do business," said Republican Ted Stevens of Alaska, who is stepping down as Senate Appropriations Committee chairman.

"I am sick of this process," added his Democratic counterpart, Byrd, a West Virginian. "I do not know if there will ever be a better example of what can happen, what can go wrong with this nefarious process of putting off legislation."

The flaws in the system were exemplified last weekend when Democrats discovered a single sentence in the bill giving Appropriations chairmen and their agents access to income tax returns. Lawmakers from both parties were outraged by this potential invasion of privacy, and House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California demanded that House members return Dec. 6 to vote on a resolution, already ap proved by the Senate, making the provision ineffective. Only then will the spend-

ing bill be sent to the president. She said the "assault on taxpayer priva" was a result of GOP leaders rushing gargantuan bills to a vote before members

have a chance to study them.

Another pitfall of omnibus legislation, Schatz said, is that it can't be amended once the bill emerges from House-Senate negotiations. Members can't do anything other than vote against the entire bill about pet projects or other measures that get attached or dropped in the waning hours of a congressional session, he said.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a strong critic of the system, listed dozens of member projects buried in the package, from \$515,000 for snake control on Guam to \$1 million for the Norwegian-American Foundation, to \$350,000 for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. "Being a fan of rock 'n' roll myself, I guess that is well-jus-tified," he said.

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It does not represent the ever-changing "values" of America, it represents Ameri-ca's original civic values. It does represent the people of America, specifically the peo ple who have traditionally been denied their rights, such as women, minorities, mental health patients, prisoners and disabled veterans. If the rights of America's most defenseless members are denied, it puts everybody's rights in jeopardy.

When I am not deployed defending the Constitution and the will of the democratically elected majority, I am an attorney in a public defender's office and a member of the ACLU. I have personally observed that people normally are not concerned with other people's individual rights, but if they believe that the government is violating their rights, then they wave the Bill of Rights around like a sword and call for the ACLII

Our great country has always held out the freedom of religion to all people, and while one might not agree that the ACLU should be persuading the Pentagon to remain separate from the Boy Scouts, we should all appreciate that the ACLU is there to protect the freedom of religion and all our basic individual rights.

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#### Be proud of being in military

I am a member of the New York National Guard. I was in the U.S. Navy (1981-85), New York Army National Guard (1991-93) and a year in the Army Reserve, where I was assigned to the judge advocate general with the 800th Military Police Brigade.

I am proud to be in uniform and serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom. I know of leaving behind my family, my career and lifestyle.

However, I do agree with "All fighters deserve praise" (letter, Oct. 28) and, with the statement in "Focus on job, not praise" (letter, Nov. 4) as well that soldiers need to also concentrate on doing their jobs as well as their part to bring everyone home alive. It is my belief that the men and women of the guard and reserve units should be praised. They join a long line of citizen-soldiers who were civilians in uniform.

Active military know they have a job to do and war is part of it. Many who joined the guard, especially the old-timers, never figured that one day they would be in Iraq

I'm 42 years old and am considered "old" by the younger guys. We have veterans of both Vietnam and Korea serving here as well. My daughter got mad at me prior to my leaving, saying, "You did your time, you served your country.

So did these yets, and they're doing it again. Do they deserve praise? Hell yes, and more! Hopefully, the younger first sergeants and officers learn from them and, in turn,

play their part in bringing everyone home. As far as the decrease in recruitment for the guard, I believe the National Guard no longer appears to be serving the state it belongs to Additionally, the stop-loss situation is not helpful. It's one thing to volunteer, it's another when you're held against your will.

Be proud of being a soldier, sailor, Marine or airman. You join a long history of winners. Help out your fellow man/woman. All have a family to come home to. And everyone is a leader; time will come when even the lowest ranking person will have to take charge, so train well. God bless you all. Spc. Mike Tanner

Raghdad

#### Shake depression stigma

On March 27, 2003, I lost my husband. Army Maj. Peter C. Graff, to suicide. Like many members of our armed forces, he was afraid to seek the help he needed, believing the stigma associated with mental illness would ruin his career. How wrong he was

I only wish I had known about the help available to soldiers and their families. I ap plaud Stars and Stripes for running the July 25 article "In Iraq, confronting 'the silent enemy.' "Too many people see depression enemy.' as a character flaw or as an indication of personal weakness and frailty.

Depression is a chemical imbalance. You don't accuse diabetics of being weak because their insulin levels are off. They can't control that. You also cannot control levels of serotonin. Sometimes you need help. It is a treatable illness. No one should ever be too afraid or intimidated to seek help.

Pete was a wonderful man, and it breaks my heart that he won't be here to help me raise our daughter, now 5, and our son, almost 2. He won't be there to help his colleagues, and he won't be there to give com-

fort to his parents as they age. It isn't fair, and it is my prayer that no one else ever goes through this kind of pain. I hope the article saves many lives.

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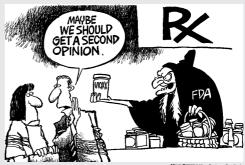


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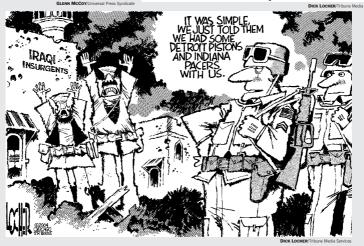
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## International stocks back on radar

BY TODD MASON

The Philadelphia Inquirer

International stocks are outnerforming U.S. stocks after a long. disappointing stretch - so long some experts and investors began questioning the value of owning foreign stocks.

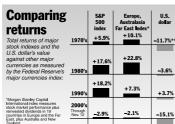
"The sun has been shining on foreign equities for a while now even though people haven't real-ized it," said Hans van den Berg, manager of the 1838 Internation al Equity mutual fund in King of

Prussia, Pa. Van den Berg's mutual fund whose largest stakes are in Japa nese. British and German stocks - has beaten the Standard & Poor's 500 index handily since 2002, earning an average annual return of 7.1 percent through October versus 1.2 percent for the S&P, according to Morningstar

The Morgan Stanley Europe Australasia and Far East index a broad measure of international stocks - was up 10.7 percent this year through Nov. 12, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.5 percent in the same period. The Morgan Stanley index tracks stocks in 21 developed countries outside of North America.

Even so, investors have been slow to pick up on improving for-tunes abroad. Of \$208 billion flowing into stock mutual funds so far this year, \$36 billion or 17.3 percent, went to funds investing in foreign stocks, according to Lipper Inc.

Investors are missing a chance



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to reduce risk in their portfolios. said Ted Smith, a senior vice president in the wealth management group at Delaware Investments. an arm of Lincoln National Corp., in Philadelphia.

"Investors should diversify precisely because they don't know whether U.S. or foreign stocks will outperform," he said.

There was no question about which group did better in the late. bull market of the late 1990s. The average annual total return of the S&P 500 towered over that of Morgan Stanley

What is more, foreign stocks fell harder than domestic stocks in the initial months of the bear market in 2000.

said Kevin Johnson, a principal at Aronson Johnson Ortiz LP, a Philadelphia institutional money manager. "They are looking at what the company does for a living, rather than where it does it," he

Foreign-fund managers do not dispute growing economic global-ization. But they say they now have an ally that will keep them outperforming: the U.S. dollar. The dollar has fallen 26 percent

since 2001, according to a Federal Reserve Board index tracking it against a basket of major world currencies.

That is good for American investors: Capital gains — that is profits from share price increases — and dividends earned in foreign currencies get an extra boost when the dollar is weakening because euros and yen are worth more when they are converted back into dollars.

The dollar "is one of the strongest reasons to have assets outside of the U.S.," said Richard Foulkes, a London-based manager of the Vanguard International Growth mutual fund.

A weak dollar makes U.S. exports more competitive in world markets.

Meanwhile, U.S. companies substantial operations abroad also book currency gains when they convert profits to dollars — just as investors do.

"It is not a crime to avoid international funds," Wolper said. "Having said that, foreign markets don't move in lock step" with the United States.

#### Survey finds confidence in economy varies across globe

The Associated Press

LONDON - A global survey of consumer confidence re-leased Wednesday shows that European consumers are generally pessimistic about the eco-nomic outlook for the next 12 months, people in the Asia-Pa-cific are optimistic and Americans lie somewhere in between

The AC Nielsen report also found that, across the globe, concerns about the economy, job security and health gener ally outweighed worries about terrorism or war.

Forty percent of consumers in the Asia-Pacific think their economies improved over the past six months and 53 percent expect them to improve over the next year. Conversely, 48 percent of Americans and 40 percent of Europeans believed their economies had deteriorated over the past six months. However, 43 percent of Americans expected an improvement in the next 12 months, compared to just 31 percent of Europeans.

"I would expect continued caution in Europe, where there are structural and eco-nomic issues, as well as con-cern about growth rates," said Frank Martell, president of AC

rrank Marten, president of AC Nielsen Europe. "If you look at the United States, it's clearly more encour-aging." Martell added. "There's a lot of government stimulus, monetary and fiscal, and it looks much brighter." From wire reports

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#### Some stock market theorists are deemphasizing geography. **EXCHANGE RATES**

Bad news knows no borders. A

2002 study by Michigan State Uni-

versity professor Kirt Butler

found U.S. and foreign stocks act

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**PRECIOUS METALS** 

INTEREST RATES

NEW YORK - One late payment on your credit card can pack a pretty hard punch. Not only with fees and rate hikes on the card in question, but also with penalties on your other credit cards Almost half of all credit cards

have so-called universal default penalties, which allow the credit-card company to increase your interest rate if it discovers a late payment on your credit report for any credit card account or loan or other debt involving any other company. It doesn't matter if you've never made a late payment to that particular company.

This year, 44 percent of credit cards have universal default penalties, reports Consumer Action, a San Francisco-based research group. And the number is increasing - only 39 percent of cards had them in 2003.

Penalty rates can easily top 29.99 percent compared with the average annual rate of 14 to

Paying late blemishes score into effect when you are perceived as a delinquent borrower, usually after you make a late payment or go over your credit

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

> You also might incur penalties if your credit score drops, warns Experian Consumer Direct, one of three credit bureaus that calculate your credit score Vour credit score is an analysis of your past credit history that is used by lenders to figure out how much of a risk

> Scores range from 300 to 850. The higher your score, the better A lower credit score may make you ineligible for lenders' best interest rates, affecting any major purchases you make until your score improves

People with no late or missed payments in the last year had an average credit score of 759. reports Experian. Those consumers who had one or more delinquent payments in the past year had an average score of 508



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#### No more paddling

TN MEMPHIS — Begin-ning next fall, paddling will no longer be allowed in Memphis public schools

In a tense meeting Monday night, the school board voted 5-4 to abolish corporal punishment, replacing it with a package of alternative disciplinary measures

"It's just gratifying to know that we have come to a place where we're going to respect our children and treat them with decency," said a grinning Lora Jobe, the board member who waged a seven-year fight to end corporal punishment.

The decision prompted mixed reactions from parents and teachers who packed the auditorium. One parent, Tonya Harris, predicted dire consequences. "The kids are waiting up on this news, and there's going to be fights, starting (today)," she said.

#### Disgruntled patient

CA VENTURA — A woman upset about problems with her medical appointments flung an ax inside the reception area of a doctor's office, injuring a patient and smashing a window, police said

Subil Busch 54 was booked into iail on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and felony vandal-

Police were called to Urgent Care in Ventura after the woman entered the building armed with a foot-long ax and complained about appointment problems, police Lt. David Wilson said. She shattered a large window with the ax after yelling at the receptionist and trying to climb over the counter, he said

Michael Fiddes, 62, of Ventura pulled the woman down from the counter and was cut on the hand by the ax, Wilson said

#### **Expensive wine bottle**

NEW YORK - Raise a glass - 1,200 of them to be exact - to New Jersey, new home to the world's largest bottle of wine

A Tenafly, N.J., business paid \$55,812 for a 4 1/2-foot tall bottle of cabernet sold Saturday at Sotheby's, said auction house spokeswoman Kristin Gelder. Wine Ventures, a wine and chocolate shop. plans to put the bottle on display at its Bergen County business.

The 340-pound bottle was the work of master glass blowers in the Czech Republic, and holds the equivalent of 173 standard bottles of Beringer Vineyards 2001 Private Reserve Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. That translates to 1,200 glasses of wine.

The bottle, dubbed Maximus, was certified as the world's largest by the Guinness World Records. The Morton's steakhouse chain, to celebrate its 25th anniversary, partnered with Beringer to create the record-setting bottle.

#### Doll rescued

IN KIRKLIN — Rescuers responding to a report of an infant left alone in a vehicle arrived to find that she wasn't breathing. No big deal, since the rescuee turned out to be nothing more than



#### **AMERICAN** ROUNDUP

a doll in a car seat

A woman had phoned the Clin ton County Sheriff's Department shortly before 4 p.m. Sunday and said a baby had been left in a locked car in Kirklin, a town of 800 about 40 miles north of Indianapolis. The woman told the dispatcher she thought the child might not be breathing.

Sheriff's deputies, firefighters and emergency medical technicians raced to the scene and used a special device to unlock the car's door said Sheriff's Department Lt Joe Mink.

When officers opened the car door they discovered the supposed infant was a doll, Mink said. No further action was taken.

#### \$7 million fraud scheme

HOUSTON — A lawsuit is accusing a bank and 24 other businesses and individuals of helping a Clear Lake man in a \$7 million fraud scheme.

Larry Michael Nixon, 55, has been accused of faking his own death. The man known for his parties and big spending disappeared after his speedboat, "Living Extra Fast," smashed into a barge in August 2003 in the Houston Ship Channel. He was found alive in January in a house in the North Texas town of Weatherford

The lawsuit was filed Friday by Old National Bank of Evansville Ind., and M. Gene Marlin of Green wood, Ind., a former partner of



#### Holiday cheer

With a truck of more than 700 Christmas trees in the background, Riley Hoffman, 12 from Boy Scout Troop 199, helped unload the trees for the scout's annual Christmas tree sale at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church in Mission. Kan.

It accuses Moody National Bank and Michael Hazelwood, vice president and loan officer at its Clear Lake branch, of conspiring with Nixon to obtain loans to buy nonexistent cranes.

#### Nurse charged

PROVIDENCE — The attorney general's office filed felony criminal-negligence charges against a nurse, saying she ignored the pleas of an 85-year-old resident of a nursing home who died after complaining of chest pains and asking for her ni troglycerin.

The patient, Eva Thomas, said she thought she was having a heart attack according to court records But an investigation found that the nurse, Deborah M. Colby, 53, told co-workers that Thomas was fak-

Reached at home, Colby said she didn't know about the criminal complaint filed against her. She said she was trying, unsuccessfully, to reach her lawyer.

"I'm shaking like a leaf," she said

#### Seal pup captured

CA OAKLAND — The Oakland Fire Department captured a wayward elephant seal pup hanging out in a drainage culvert two miles from San Francisco Bay and turned it over to wildlife experts.

Called "Emmy," after one of the rescuing officers at the scene, the 11-month-old seal surfaced about midday Tuesday to the amazement of passersby

Cars double-parked for about a block and a half, clogging traffic, while a crowd gathered to see the 181-pound gray marine mammal, which was going the wrong way in one of the covered creeks that runs through Oakland

Mark Hoffmann, the fire chief who coordinated the canture said it looked as though the seal was in danger from trash and humans.

Within an hour, the Fire Department's heavy-rescue unit secured the seal in a sling and pulled it out with a crane. It was to be released into the bay

#### Officers asked for DNA

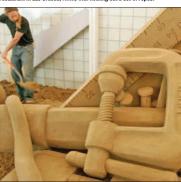
KS WICHITA — Investigators seeking Wichita's most notorious serial killer are asking former Wichita police officers to provide DNA samples. Lt. Ken Landwehr said the samples will exonerate officers who worked during the time of the so-called RTK murders. The initials stand for Bind, Torture, Kill," self-coined nickname of a serial killer connected with eight unsolved homicides between 1974

#### Rare trees protected

HILO — The state is setting aside 1,200 acres on the Big Island to grow rare koa trees suitable for building traditional Polynesian voyaging canoes. The Polyne sian Voyaging Society estimated the first trees may be ready to harvest for canoe construction in 20 years. Koa logs large enough to fashion into canoes are about 35 to 45 feet long.



Risky job Russell Tucker, 47, starts to shimmy up the 70-foot-high flag pole in front of a McDonald's rrant in Las Cruces, N.M., with nothing but a set of ropes.



Carl Jara, a sand sculptor, works on Creative sand art part of the "SANDstruction" exhibit at The Children's Museum of Cleveland in University Circle, Cleveland.



Extreme fun Chuck Speck catches some air on a homemade jump at the edge of the Hart Prairie ski run at the Arizona Snowbowl, near Flagstaff, Ariz.



Pooch auditions Robbie Hiltz of Andover, Minn., hugs Jake, 18 months, at a casting call for St. Bernard dogs to play the role of Santabear's dog in the Holidazzle parade.



Safety practice
Johanna Walklet, 9, from
Providence, R.I., skates around
safety cones during a visit to the
Fleet Skating Center in downtown
Providence.



Peaceful serenity Arainbow stretches across Jones Valley during a short break in the rainshowers in Huntsville, Ala.

#### Granny saves the day

WA LYNNWOOD — When this granny saw a handcuffed man trying to flee from a department store, she didn't just step out of the way of the charging scofflaw.

"I get pushed and shoved a little sometimes at the mall, but nothing like this," said 60-year-old Janice Lewis.

Lewis, who has 10 grandchildren, grabbed the man's jacket and held on until he was tackled by Officer Anne Codiga. She broke a finger and bruised her hand in the scuffle.

The chase began across the street from Alderwood Mall on Monday when workers at Verity Credit Union reported a man was trying to use an account that wasn't his. Police had arrested and handcuffed the man, and were leading him outside when he bolted.

As he ran, with two officers in pursuit, his jeans slid to his ankles and he tripped over them, falling in the middle of the road.

He flipped off his shoes, wriggled out of his pants, got to his feet and

Wearing boxer shorts, one sock, a jacket and a shirt, he ran into the mall parking garage. Codiga followed.

Lewis had seen the man running from police near the credit union, but thought officers had caught him. So she was shocked to see him suddenly running toward her from the parking garage.

The man was booked for theft and assault.

#### Judges being evaluated

bostron — Judicial offifirst comprehensive evaluation of the state's 360 judges. The evaluations are part of a drive to improve management and efficiency in the state court system, which a panel of business and cademic leaders described as "mired in confusion" two years ago. The results of the voy ears ago. The results of the citals say only a small percentage of tudees received noor marks.

#### Dog is mom to kittens

EDWARDSBURG — A Shih Tzu who, her owners say, longed for years to give birth is finally getting a chance to nurse some little ones, even if they're the wrong species.

Owners Jean and Bill Schirf said the dog, named Geisha Girl, used to take a toy dog, wrap herself around it in her basket and mother it for a week or two.

Now she's doing the same thing with two stray kittens that Jean Schirf found two weeks ago in the woods behind her Cass County home

"She wraps herself around them all night long," Schirf said. Not only did Geisha Girl start watching over and cleaning the kit-

Not only did clesina dri start watching over and cleaning the kittens, which have been named Dilly and Dally, she started lactating within about a week — enough to provide them with some of the milk they need. Schirf helps out by bottle-feeding the cats 2 percent milk.

#### New bridge on I-10

PENSACOLA — A new Interstate 10 bridge connecting Escambia and Santa Rosa counties will replace the one damaged by Hurricane Ivan. The money will come from a provision in the

\$388 billion spending bill approved by Congress over the weekend. State engineers have estimated that building the new bridge will cost \$325 million

#### Pierce not forgotten

CONCORD — Tuesday is the 200th birthday of the only U.S. president from New Hampshire, and the state's historical society is throwing a party-complete with cake. Franklin Pierce was the 14th president from 1853 to 1857, as the nation headed toward the Civil War. An exhibit will explore Pierce's life through more than 100 objects, paintings, bottoeranks and documents.

#### Legislator wants recount

AUSTIN — Rep. Talmadge Heflin, a Republican who lost his Houston race by 32 votes, requested a formal recount with the task of the task of

#### Recount confirms win

MN ST PAUL.—The state canvassing board confirmed
the victory of Judy Soderstrom, a
Republican incumbent in a clear
House race that was key to determining control of the champion.
Soderstrom won a second term by
76 votes over Democratic challenger Tim Faust, according to an automatic recount. Her win present
the Republicans' 68-66 majority in
the House.

#### Schools to pool resources

DENVER — Three Colorado universities signed an agreement to form a joint school of public health that could start in 2007.

Colorado State University, the University of Colorado and the University of Northern Colorado plan to pool resources and expertise to offer bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees. It would be the first school of public health in the Mountain West.

#### **Predictions on volcano**

WA VANCOUVER — If lava continues to pile up inside the crater of Mount St. Helens at the continues to pile up inside the crater of Mount St. Helens at the built of the continues of the continue

#### Governor very popular

HARTFORD — Gov. M. Jodi Rell's popularity is at a new high with Connecticut voters, according to the latest Quinnipiac University poll. The poll gives Rell an 30 percent approval rating, nearly the highest of any governor ever surveyed by the university. The telephone poll of 1,774 registered voters was conducted between Nov. 15-21.

Stories and photos from wire services

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10:00 10:30	Teen Titans Teenage Mutant Ninja Turt.	Lancaster.	Lizzie McGuire Switched!	Headline News ESPNews	Hardball With Chris Matthews		BBQ With Bobby Flay \$40-a-Day	Headline News ESPNews	
11:00	Dragonball GT	Movie * * * "Dick Tracy" (1990, Adventure) Warren Beat-	Focus on the Force	George Lopez	The O'Reilly Factor		Fashion Police	According to Jim	
11:30	X-Men: Evolution Teen Kids News (EI)	ty. Tracy steps in when a gang-	American Adventurer Access Hollywood	Half & Half CSI: Miami "Slow Burn"	Dateline NBC	-	It's Good to Be 101 Most Unforgettable SNL	Half & Half CSI: Miami "Slow Burn"	
12:30	Cyberchase "Cool It" (EI) Endurance "Aqueduct" (EI)	ster unites Chicago's mobs.  Movie *** "A Civil Action"	WWE Raw	Law & Order: Special Victims	CNN Saturday Morning	SportsCenter	Moments Intimate Portrait	Law & Order: Special Victims	
13:00	Scout's Safari "Fathers" (EI)	(1998 Drama) John Travolta A	WWE HaW	Unit "Families"		College Football Arizona State	Intimate Portrait	Unit "Families"	
14:00 14:30	Animal Kidding	lawyer faces an uphil battle against two large companies.	According to Jim Half & Half	Headline News Saturday Night Live	20/20	at Arizona. (Taped)	Antiques Roadshow	Headline News Saturday Night Live	
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17:00 17:30	Aaahh! Real Monsters Rocket Power	Movie *** "The Winslow Boy" (1999) Nigel Hawthorne.	Headline News Navy/Marine Corps News	The Entertainers	Wall Street Journal Report America's Black Forum		Fear Factor	The Entertainers	
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	A banker will sacrifice all to prove his son's innocence.	Sports	SportsCenter	News From CNN	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Joined in	What Not to Wear "David" Ac- tor looks like a beach burn.	SportsCenter	
18:30	Rugrats First haircut.  Movie ** "Eloise at the	Movie *s "Down to Earth"	1	College Football Teams TBA.	Dateline NBC	Progress) (Live)	Trading Spaces	College Football Teams TBA.	
19:30	Plaza" (2003, Adventure) Julie Andrews, Sofia Vassilieva.	(2001, Comedy) Chris Rock, Regina King, Chazz Palminteri.		(Live)	Headline News	College Football State Farm		(Live)	
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21:00	Comedy) Robin Williams, Mar- cia Gay Harden.	Hill* (1999, Romance) Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant. A book-	Sports		20/20	State vs. Southern. From New Orleans. (Live)	1-800-Missing "This Is Your Life"		
21:30 22:00	My So-Called Life "On the	seller and a movie star have an unlikely romance.			FOX News	1	Friends		
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2:00	Andrews, Sofia Vassilievá.  Movie ** "Flubber" (1997,	to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" (1964) Peter Sellers.	Kickin' It Latest in music and	College Football Teams TBA. (Left in Progress) (Live)	Washington Week in Review	to Be Announced. (Live)	Crossing Jordan *O, Brother Where Art Thou?*	College Football Teams TBA.	
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6:00	Barney & Friends (EI)	seller and a movie star have an unlikely romance.	Celebration of Victory	Gilligan's Island	Larry King Live	College Gameday	Area	Happily Ever After	
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19:00 19:30	Videos	Mel Gibson, Rene Russo. A	age Philadelphia at New York	age Philadelphia at New York		age Philadelphia at New York	The King of Queens	age Philadelphia at New York	
20:00	Gilmore Girls	wealthy executive turns the ta- bles on his son's abductor.	Giants, Tampa Bay at Carolina or Washington at Pittsburgh.	Giants, Tampa Bay at Carolina or Washington at Pittsburgh.	FOX News	Giants, Tampa Bay at Carolina or Washington at Pittsburgh.	Elton John at Radio City The singer performs at Radio City	Giants, Tampa Bay at Carolina or Washington at Pittsburgh.	
21:00	American Dreams 'The 7-10	(:15) Movie * * "Mary Reilly"	(Live)	(Live)	FOX News	(Live)	Music Hall in New York City.	(Live)	
21:30 22:00	Split* The Cosby Show "Hilman"	(1996, Horror) Julia Roberts. Dr. Jekyll's maid is drawn to the	NFL Football New Orleans	NFL Football New Orleans	CNN Sunday	NFL Football New Orleans	Friends	NFL Football New Orleans	
22:30	Home Improvement	doctor's evil alter ego.  Movie *** "Bat 21" (1988.	Saints at Atlanta Falcons. From the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.	Saints at Atlanta Falcons. From the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.		Saints at Atlanta Falcons. From the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.	Seinfeld "The Checks"	Saints at Atlanta Falcons. From the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.	
23:00	Touched by an Angel 'Full Moon'	Movie * * * "Bat 21" (1988, Drama) Gene Hackman.	(Live)	(Live)	Meet the Press	(Live)	Mad TV	(Live)	



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#### **FACES**

#### Willis sues film studio for injuries

Bruce Willis filed a negligence lawsuit against Revolution Studios for pyrotechnic injuries allegedly suffered during filming of the action film "Tears of the Sun."

The Superior Court lawsuit claims the actor suffered

substantial mental and physical injuries during the October 2002 movie set accident in Los Angeles where he was



The explosions, known as squibs, were intended to "simulate the appearance of bullets striking the ground," according to the lawsuit claiming Willis has endured "extreme mental, physical and emotional pain and suffering."

There were no details on the injuries

Revolution Studios spokesman Sean Dudas said, "We are not able to comment on pending litigation."

The complaint doesn't seek specific monetary damages, but it noted Willis "was required to and did employ physicians and other medical personnel" and will incur future medical expenses

The lawsuit said defendants Revolution Studios and special effects foreman Joe Pancake "had a duty to Willis to ensure that the squibs were inspected, set up, placed and detonated in a safe manner, and to employ technicians who were trained and competent in their use."

Willis' screen credits also include the "Die Hard" films "The Sixth Sense" and "The Whole Nine Yards

#### Manson hits the classroom

Marilyn Manson: shock rocker. Self-proclaimed "Anti-christ Superstar." Philosophy professor? With an MTV film crew in tow, Manson surprised students in a Temple University Art and Society class Monday with an hourlong guest lec-

He opened the class with a question: Could he share a bottle of red absinthe with the students? The liqueur staved on the desk as Manson wearing an all-black suit with chrome-tipped platform shoes, dark lipstick and sunglasses — responded to questions about art, politics and re-

"I'm not someone who doesn't re

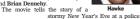
spect religion, but I don't care for the way religion is used to manipulate people," the 35-year-old singer said. "We create our own gods. We create our own devils.

MTV's college network, mtvU, filmed Manson's classroom appearance for a segment of the "Stand In" series scheduled to air Dec. 6.

#### Fishburne. Hawke star in remake A grim, crime-ridden city co-stars

with Laurence Fishburne and Ethan Hawke in a thriller movie set for release in January

"Assault on Precinct 13" is a remake of the 1976 cult classic directed by John Carpenter, which was set in Los Angeles. The 2005 version, set in Detroit, is directed by Jean-Francois Richet ("All About Love"), and also features Drea de Matteo, Maria Bello, Gabriel Byrne and Brian Dennehy



precinct that is set to be shut down in a few days. Crime lord Marion Bishop, played by Fishburne, sits in Precinct 13 for the night. When a gang attempts to break in to free

him, the prisoners and a skeletal crew of police officers realize they must band together if they want to make it out alive. "Assault on Precinct 13" was shot almost entirely in Toronto

A skyline shot is the only glimpse of the real Motor City, the Detroit Free Press said Tuesday.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Front to back: Mark McClelland, Gary Lightbody, Nathan Connolly, Tom Simpson and Johnny Quinn of Snow Patrol sit in an aisle at Tower Records in West Hollywood, Calif, on Oct. 4. Lightbody's relationships often have been the band's muse.

## **Snow Patrol: Turning** heartache into hits

BY RANDY LEWIS Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD ou can call Snow Patrol a lot of things — this year's Coldplay, the hottest rock act out of Belfast, Northern Ireland since Van Morrison four decades ago - but "anti-women" isn't one of them.

"The woman never comes out worse in my songs," says the quartet's lead singer and songwriter. Gary Lightbody. Any problem in a relationship, he confesses apologetically. 'is always my fault."

But as Lightbody and his bandmates have discovered lately, a problem in one aspect of life can be good in another in this case. Lightbody's misfortunes in love have helped Snow Patrol's fortunes in music.

The group's songs, he explains, "are not about one girl, but generally just about me being terrible in relationships, he says. "Nobody will ever accuse us of being misogynist. Snow Patrol's third album, "Final Straw," which chronicles relationships in various states of disrepair, has sold about 800,000 copies in the United Kingdom, according to the band's manager. It also has cracked the 100,000 sales mark in the United States since its release here in March a feat that's proven rare for U.K. bands no matter how popu-

But Lightbody's laconic, yet sincere, Irish tenor and heart-on-sleeve lyrical emotionalism, combined with wist-ful harmonies and a touch of U2-ish pop grandeur and rock drive, has helped Snow Patrol become an exception to the

lar they are at home

With its anthem-like single "Run," ever-present on alt-rock and pop radio stations over much of the summer, the Glasgow, Scotland-based group is receiving "arrival of the year" treatment from U.S. audiences. Few fans are aware of the group's two previous albums as Snow Patrol—"Songs for Polar Bears" in 1998 and 2001's "When It's All

'We see ('Final Straw') as a continuation of what we did on the first two albums, but most people probably think it's our first record," says Lightbody, as he's flanked at a West Hollywood restaurant by bassist Mark McClelland, guitarist Nathan Connolly, drummer Johnny Quinn and touring keyboardist Tom Simpson.

"The fact that it works well on its own means that it does stand alone as a work," he says,

Lightbody and McClelland hail from Belfast, but they met while in school north of Glasgow at the University of Dundee. They started Snow Patrol with Quinn in 1994 as a hobby, while Lightbody pursued studies in English and philosophy — "two useless subjects," he quips — and Mc-Clelland focused on economics.

They also were passionate about music and took their band to the burgeoning music scene in Glasgow, which also has yielded acts like Franz Ferdinand and Keane.

Lightbody, like his bandmates, admires Coldplay and thinks "it's great being compared" to such a successful and respected group. "But 'Run' is the only song on the album that bears any relation to Coldplay. We tend to play dirtier rock music.

Lightbody's been earning plaudits for a forward leap in his songwriting on "Final Straw" in songs that frequently come across as captivating emotional mosaics. Producer Garret Lee, who had previously worked with such dance acts as Basement Jaxx and TLC, also helped push Snow Patrol in new musical and sonic directions this time

"We took everything we discovered on those first two records and more and commingled that with the knowledge and efforts of Garret Lee to create obviously a far su-perior record the third time around," Lightbody says. "Hopefully we'll do that again next time," he says. "You

have to keep making better and better records, or you have to ask yourself why are you doing it

### Horoscope

Jupiter and Neptune emphasize what we like - and possibly too much of a good thing. If you already know you've got a propensity toward indulgence when **Holiday Mathis** it comes to certain substances or people, stay away. Whether it's sugar or an ex-love who is bad for you, it's better to not even go there, especially with so much goodness to be

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

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(November 27). This year provides you with the focus it takes to spend your energv where it's most appreciated. You're aligned with your values, and therefore, new horizons open. Finances improve next month, when you make the most of a circumstantial shift. Caution: Don't overextend in April. Spring's end features a move, perhaps to be closer to a loved one

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Your confidence is your speed pass. Flash your moxie, and you get let behind the velvet ropes of life. Romantic matters must be adjusted to fit the lifestyle of all involved. You'll be surrounded by intellectual talk.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A relationship has suffered for lack of attention. It's worth it to dig down deep to find your inner romantic

hero. Grand (sappy) gestures are required. Pour your heart into it, and GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

#### The basic human need to help

others is highlighted. Your contributions make your soul feel shiny and new. Neighbors and friends involve you in projects. They'll share the bounty or the work - either way,

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you give up a struggle, it

becomes apparent what's worth fighting for and what is not. You can then choose to get back in the same fight, energy renewed, or pick up a new crusade altogether

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've become desensitized. Amping up the stakes is the only way to keep

you from complete boredom. Go after love ferociously! Voraciously! As if passion were more important than bread, water and air.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been content to hold up the

background scenery for too long now. Dare to purchase an item that's extremely of the time. A touch of trendiness makes you feel more outgoing, curi-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've worked on vourself diligently. You deserve to love someone who is just as evolved. New personal-

ity traits attract you - a sly smile, a sure-sounding voice, someone who stands out from the crowd

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are good surprises and bad surprises. Right now, you'd prefer no surprises. But if your karma is clean, you have nothing to fear from the unexpected. Potential loves work harder to please you.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What's good for the goose isn't necessarily good for the gander now. Realize that your needs are unique and specific to only you. The

better you can articulate that, the more likely you are to smile often CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

#### 19). Taking risks is what you're good at now, but when you're putting it on the line, how much is too

much? You want to know truthfully when you're doing the right thing and when you're blowing it. Ask a Virgo or Leo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be aware: Your vibe is strong now In spite of your efforts to be friendly and inclusive, you're a bit intimidating. This could cause a date to make one too many mistakes, leaving you to cry, "Check, please

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You successfully inform family and friends how they can make your life easier. Now, if you could only do the same in regards to your love life.

Besearch how you can add few more skills to your romantic arsenal.

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#### **Peanuts**



















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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals P

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

First, I helped this little old lady across the street, which

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PULL THE WOOL OVER HER EYES.

Now arrange the circled letters to

form the surprise answer, as

## Big party for baby a bit too much

Dear Abby: Our son is 8 months old, and my wife is busy planning his first birthday party. The party will be in Feb ruary, which makes it too cold

for anything outside. She plans to invite 50 guests including children.

Our house is small, so she wants to rent a hall and have the party catered. Is this too much for a first birthday party? We're saving for a new house, and what she has in mind will be expensive

My wife says I'm cruel for not supporting her idea of a big bash for our son. I think that having our immediate family together, healthy and alive, is special enough. Am I being a curmudgeon?

#### - Sensible in Norristown, Pa

Dear Sensible: You're not a curmudgeon - you are someone who has his eye on a goal and

party your wife is planning is really for her, not the baby, All a child that age needs for his birthday is his mommy, his daddy, and a few close relatives to celebrate the occasion with a cake he can put his hands and face into - and, of course, a camera

Dear Abby



band. My car will be ruined and my house will be a permanent disaster. Very few people tell me how wonderful it is to be

I would just ask that when a woman is expecting, please don't assume it's a license to

complain about how terrible it was when your children were young. My husband and I planned this pregnancy, but if I had heard half the horror stories I've heard in the past several months, I probably would have taken a different route.

#### - Mom-to-be in Southern California

Dear Mom-to-be: If parenthood didn't have many rewards, do you think that these doom spreaders would have had more than one child? While it's only logical that having children is a life-changing experience, it is also an individual process. For some people the adjustment may he painful. However, for many others, the changes are welcome and the joys are bountiful. Think positive and tune the naysayers

Letters for this column - with your name and phone number - should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/deara Universal Press Syndicate

Unscramble these four Jumbles.

one letter to each square to form four ordinary words DABNY

suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday) Jumbles: PRIME BLOOM PANTRY TALLOW Answer: What the heavyset diners had at the restaurant - A "WAIT" PROBLEM

## PAROE DOYLOG RAHBOR

Yesterday's

## Partner makes fiasco of finances

Dear Annie: A major problem in my relationship with my partner is about finances. She has said that I am a better money manager, but she refuses to let me manage it. When she has the checkbook, the bills are never paid on time. She goes through large amounts of money with nothing to show for it and no explanation of where it all went. She can go through \$400 in two days. Once she said. it was for her daughter's birthday, but the things she told me she bought didn't come close to

Every payday is a big battle, and it is taking a huge toll on our relationship. We have been to couples' counseling, where she was told that the money situation in our relationship was completely unbalanced. Still, she made no effort to change.

Dear D.W.: The fact that your partner won't let you handle the

#### Annie's Mailbox

though she is making a mess of it and cannot account for some of the money, indicates that she is hiding something. It could be a gambling problem, an addiction, or an inabilitv to add and subtract, but something isn't

right In most relationships, one person is more adept at handling money, and it doesn't matter if

the person is male or female. Your partner needs to be honest about what's going on, or you might have to set up separate accounts. Talk to a credit counselor who will help you create a budget and manage your money responsibly. Try the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (nfcc.org) at 1-800-388-2227.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Chewy in Nova Scotia who bites her nails. You told her to work on her stress levels and maybe get a nice manicure. You

said if all else fails, she should try the OC Foundation.

Please tell her about the wonderful products that can be bought in local pharmacies, often in the nail polish section. You paint them onto your nails, and they taste disgusting. My 8-year-old son stopped sucking

his fingers overnight with the help of one of these products. You can find them at www.folica.com and

#### www.stopbitingnails.com.

- Mom in Massachusetts Dear Mom: Several readers recommended over-the-counter products that taste unpleasant and may help break the habit of biting one's nails or sucking one's thumb.

We have not tried these products and cannot recommend them, but if any readers would like to give them a try, feel free. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmalibox@comeast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, C/o Creators Syndi-cate, 577 W. Century Blvd., Sulte 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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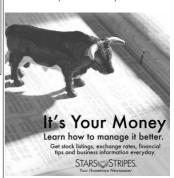
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Georgia Tech at Georgia.
AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.—College football: Cin-cinnati at Louisville (jip).
AFN-Pacific, 1030 p.m.—College football:
Oklahoma St. at Texas Tech (joined in pro-

#### Sunday

AFN-Pacific, 1:45 a.m.—College football: ioise St. at Nevada. Boise St. at Nevada. AFN-Sports and Radio, 2 a.m.—College football: Notre Dame at Southern Cal. AFN-Sports, 7 a.m.—Golf: Skins Game, Day

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onville at Minnesota. AFN-Pacific, 7 p.m.—NFL: Philadelphia at AFN-Facility, 7 p.m. – NFL: Teams TBD. AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. – NFL: Teams TBD. AFN-Atlantic, AFN-Radio, 10 p.m. – NFL: Bal-

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#### College football

#### Top 25 fared

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college football poll fared Thursday: No. 1 Southern Cal (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday. No. 2 Oklahoma (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. TBD, Big 12 championship, Saturday, Dec.

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No. 3 Auburn (11-0) did not play. Next: vs.

No. 15 Tennessee, SEC championship, Saturday, Dec. 4.

No. 4 California (9-1) did not play. Next: at

Southern Miss, Saturday, Dec. 4.

No. 5 Utah (11-0) did not play. Next: vs.

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TBA. No. 6 Texas (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Texas A&M, Friday. No. 7 Louisville (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Saturday.

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#### **Division I-AA playoffs**

First Round Saturday, Nov. 27 Jacksonville State (9-1) at Furi Jacksonville State (9-1) at Furman (9-2) Hampton (9-1) at William & Mary (9-2) James Madison (9-2) at Lehligh (9-2) Western Kentucky (9-2) at Sam Houston State (9-2) Northwestern State (9-2)

estern State (8-3) at Montana (9-2) Washington (8-3) at Southern Illi-Eastern washings -lois (10-1) Lafayette (8-3) at Delaware (8-3) Many Hampshire (9-2) at Georgia Southern

(9-2) Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 4
Eastern Washington-Southern Illinois winner vs. Western Kentucky-Sam Houston
Northur ner vs. Western Kentucky-Sam Houston State winner State-Montana winner vs. New Hampshire-GeorgiaSouthern winner vs. Henry Hampshire-GeorgiaSouthern winner vs. Lafay-Lames Madison-Lehigh winner vs. Jackson-ville State-Furman winner vs. Sentifinals Sentifinals Friday, Dec. 10 or Saturday, Dec. 11 TBA

A Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 At Finley Stadium/Davenp Chattanooga, Tenr

Semifinal winners

#### **Division II playoffs**

First Round
Saturday, Nov. 13
West Chester 35, C.W. Post 3
Edinboro 47, Bentley 44
North Dakota 20, St. Cloud State 17, 207
Grand Valley State 16, Winona State 13
Colorado Mines 52, Midwestern State 31
Texas A&AM-Kingsville 40, Southeasti Texas A&M-Kings

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10-1) Northwest Misouri State (11-1) at Pitts-Jurg State (12-0) Valdosta State (10-1), at Albany State, Ga. (11-0) Grand Valley State (10-2) at North Dakota (10-2)

## Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 4 At campus sites Grand Valley State-North Dakota winner, S. Northwest Mo. St.-Pittsburg St. winner,

vs. Northwest Mo. St.-Freedow., TBA East Stroudsburg-West Chester winner vs. Valdosta State-Albany State, Ga. winner,

Championship Saturday, Dec. 11 At Braly Municipal Sta Florence, Ala. Semifinal winners

**Division III playoffs** 

First Round Saturday, Nov. 20 TANK McNamara

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Hobart, N.Y. 35, Curry, Mass, 16 St. John Fisher, N.Y. 31, Muhlenburg, Pa. 3 Delaware Valley 21, Shenandoah, Va. 17 Washington & Jefferson, Pa. 55, Bridgewa-ter, Va. 48, 207 Wheaton, Ill. 31, Mount St. Joseph, Ohlo 7 Wooster, Ohlo 41, Aurora, Ill. 34 Carthage, Wis. 31, Alma, Mich, 28 Christopher Newport, Va. 35, Sallisbury,

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Occidental, Calif. (9-1) at Concordia-Moor-head (11-0)
Mary Hardin-Baylor (10-1) at Hardin-Sim-mons (10-0)
Wisconsin a Crosse (7-3) at Linfield, Ore

Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 Stagg Bowl At Salem Stadium

Semifinal winner

#### NAIA playoffs

First Round Saturday, Nov. 20 St. Francis, Ind. 53. Morningsic Georgetown, Ky. 35, Trinity, Ill. 21 Azusa Pacific 16, Northwestern

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Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 At Jim Carroll Stadiu Hardin Couty, Tenr

#### College basketball

#### Men's Top 25 fared

Thursday

1. Wake Forest (4-0) did not play. Next: vs.
10. 18 Arizona. Friday.
2. Kansas (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Nevaa, Monday.

La, Monday.

3. Georgia Tech (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas-Little Rock, Friday.

4. Syracuse (4-0) did not play. Next: at siena, Saturday.

5. Illinois (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24

ionzaga, Saturday. 6. Oklahoma State (2-0) did not play. Next:

S. Sam Houston State, Saturday.
 Connecticut (1-0) did not play, Next: vs. loorida International, Tuesday.
 Rentucky (2-0) did not play, Next: vs. Seorgia State, Friday.
 Duke (2-0) did not play, Next: vs. North

Carolina-Greensboro, Saturday.

10. Michigan State (2-0) did not play. Next:
vs. Nicholls State, Saturday.

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11. North Carolina (3-1) did not play. Next:
vs. Southern California, Sunday.
12. Louisville (3-1) did not play. Next: vs.
Lafayette, Saturday, Dec. 4.
13. Maryland (2-0) did not play. Next: vs.
No. 25 Memphis, Friday.

13. Maryland (2-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Memphis, Friday. 14. Mississippi State (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Alabama, Thursday. 15. Texas (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Coppin State, Monday.

16. Pittsburgh (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola, Md., Saturday. T. North Carolina State (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Campbell, Friday. 18. Arizona G-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Wake Forest, Friday. 19. Alabama (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Minnespota, Friday. John did not play. Next: at Peoperdine, Saturday.

 Wisconsin (2-0) did not play. Next: at epperdine, Saturday.
 Notre Dame (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. harleston Southern, Friday.
 Washington (2-0) beat Utah 78-71. lext: vs. Oklahoma, Friday.
 Florida (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Provestor State (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Provestor (2-0) did not play. 23. Florida (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Saturday.
24. Gonzaga (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Illinois, Saturday.
25. Memphis (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Maryland, Friday.

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r. saentrut (4-t) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Texas Tech. Sunday. 8. Connecticut (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida, Wednesday. 9. Baylor (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. Sam Houston State. Friday. 10. Duke (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Stepher F. Austin at Bahamas, Friday. 11. Ohio State (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Yale. Saturday.

ale, Saturday. 12. Texas Tech (1-0) did not play. Next: at 0. 7 Stanford. Sunday

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Kentucky 73, Oregon St. 70
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Incarnate Word 76, Ark.-Monticello 60
N. Dakota St. 66, SW Oklahoma 50
Oklahoma St. 66, SW Oklahoma 50
Texas A&M-Kingsville 63, St. Edwan
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#### Soccer

#### Men's Div. I playoffs

Second Round
Tuesday, Nov. 23
Boston College 1, Connecticut 0
St. John's 3, Boston U. 1
Maryland 4, Hofstra 0
Tulsa 1, Penn State 1, Tulsa won 4-3 on pen-

Tulsa I, Penn State 1, Tulsa won 4-3 on pen-alty kicks Wake Forest 5, UCF 0 Indiana I, Michigan 0 Duke 2, Old Dominion 1, OT Duke 2, Old Dominion 1, OT Ohlo State 2, Notre Dame 1 Virginia Commonwealth 2, George Wash-ington 0 North Carolina-Greensboro 2, Coll. of Charleston 1

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Creighton 3, Northwestern 2
Southern Methodist 1, California 0
New Mexico 4, Portland 1
UCLA 3, Loyola Mazympourt 0
UCS anta Barra 2, Wis-Milwaukee 1, OT
Third Round
Saturday, Nov. 27
New Mexico (17-1-1) at Virginia (18-4-0)
Tulsa (12-6-3) at Southern Methodist

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# Robinson scores late as Huskies halt Utah

BY DAN JOLING

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Nate Robinson helped stake No. 22 Washington to a big lead early Thursday night against Utah, then helped stave off an upset.

Robinson scored 29 points, including eight in the final five minutes, and the Huskies beat Utah 78-71 in the quarterfinals of the Great Alaska Shootout

After the Utes tied it 66-66 with 2:50 left, the Huskies scored nine straight points to take control. Robinson, held to two points for nearly 15 minutes of the second half, hit three big baskets down the stretch.

Utah's Andrew Bogut, a 7-foot center who's a member of Australia's national team, scored 23 points, including 19 in the second half as the Utes erased an 11-point deficit. He also led the Utes with 12 rebounds.

Brandon Roy added 25 points for Washington (2-0), which will face Oklahoma in the semifinals Friday night. The Sooners beat High Point 93-65.

Robinson hit his first five three-point attempts en route to 19 first-half points. He was also part of a suffocating defense that forced three turnovers and two 5-second violations in the first five minutes as Washington charged to a 16-3 lead. Utah (1-1) got off just six shots in the first eight minutes.

Utah coach Ray Giacoletti said the Utes tried to duplicate Washington's pressure in practice this week, but "you just can't unless you food it".

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Huskies coach Lorenzo Romar knew coming in that the Utes like to dictate a deliberate offensive pace.

"Our only hope tonight was to try and pressure them as much as we could and not allow them to just move the ball around the horn at will against us," Romar said.

Behind six points by Justin Hawkins, the Utes used a 10-0 run to close within 21-19 midway through the first half.

After a timeout, Roy hit a reverse layup and Robinson two three-pointers to push the lead back to double digits.

In the second half, Utah chipped away at the lead and twice tied it, the last at 66-all with 2:50 remaining. Robinson answered with a 12-foot jumper and then with a drive through the post.

Romar said when Robinson was younger, he would have just kept shooting after missing shots early in the second half. On Thursday, the coach added. Robinson showed patience.

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"He played within himself, but then down
the stretch when we needed a bucket he
turned it on again," Romar said. "And great
players are able to do that. He picked his
spots and when there were openings he was
able to come through for us. He made big baskets."

Romar was relieved to escape with a win. "That's a good basketball team. We're talking about one of the top one or two big men in the country in Bogut," Romar said. "Once he got going in the second half, I thought we were able to see what he was capable of doing and that's without a whole lot of touches."



Washington's Mike Jensen collides with Utah defender Jonas Langvad (51) while getting off a pass during the first half of Thursday night's quarterfinal game in the Great Alaska Shootout. No. 22 Washington beat the Utes 78-71.

Oklahoma 93, High Point 65: Kevin Bookout had 15 points and 11 rebounds for Oklahoma (2-0) and Drew Lavender added 14 points and seven assists.

The Sooners held High Point (1-1) without a basket for nearly five minutes during a 12-1 run to open the second half that made it 53-28.

Titus Byrd had 16 points for High Point.

## Texas too much yet again for Tennessee

BY JIM VERTUNO

AUSTIN, Texas — Four and counting. Texas simply owns Tennessee right now.

In what has become a surprisingly one-sided rivalry between two of the dominant programs in women's basketball, No. 4 Texas beat top-ranked Tennessee 74-59 on Thursday night for the Longhorns' fourth straight victory over the Lady Vols.

Tiffany Jackson had 19 points, nine rebounds and a career-high eight blocks in a dominating effort for the Longhorns (2-1).

"Whenever you see Tennessee, you want to bring your best game," Jackson said.

The Longhorns sure do. Since snapping a 13-game losing streak to Tennessee in 2002, the Longhorns have found a way to beat back the Lady Vols ever since.

The 15-point margin is the largest during the winning streak and came against a Tennessee team that opened the season at No. 1 for the 11th time in school histo-

Texas extended its home winning streak to 38 games, longest in the nation, and ended a seven-game losing skid to top-ranked teams. Texas hadn't beaten a No. 1 team since knocking off Tennessee in 1987.

And unless something changes with a chance meeting in the postseason, Texas' six seniors will finish their careers with a perfect record against the Lady Vols.

"I think it's always fun against Tennessee," senior guard Jaime Carey said. "I think we've established a nice little rivalry with them."

Texas coach Jody Conradt, who suffered through each of those 13 straight losses, had to chuckle at

"I don't see too much nice about it during the 40 minutes on

about it during the 40 minutes on the court," Conradt said. The rivalry pits the winningest

coaches in the women's game: Tennessee's Pat Summitt (824) and Conradt (819) rank 1-2 in victories

History aside, this game belonged to Jackson. "Too much Texas for Tennes-

see," said Summitt, who spent a frustrating night watching her team shoot just 33 percent while allowing Jackson to hit just about anything she wanted on the other end. "There was way too much Jackson."

Jackson hit consecutive baskets and had three blocks in the first two minutes of the second half. Then she added a short jumper, followed by a midcourt steal and layup, to give Texas a 41-30 lead with about 14 minutes to

play.
The Longhorns held a double-digit lead for most of the second half.

Tennessee (3-1) never got in sync offensively. Shyra Ely, a preseason All-American, scored just four points on 2-of-10 shooting.

## Small-school coach chasing big number

### Statham looking for 880th victory at McKendree

BY NANCY ARMOUR The Associated Press

Harry Statham thought he was making a temporary stop when he took over as McKendree College's basketball coach in 1966. His dream was to win a state

high school championship, but jobs at the premier high schools were hard to come by, especially for a young coach. Statham figured if he could put together a few successful seasons at McKendree, his alma mater, he'd be able to land a better job.

Almost 40 years later, Statham is still at the small NAIA school in Lebanon, Ill. He never did win that state championship, but he's poised for an even greater milestone. With 878 career victories, Statham is one victory shy of Dean Smith's total. And he could match the famed North Carolina coach, who holds the NCAA record, as early as Friday night.

"If you coach long enough, those things happen," said Statham, whose Bearcats play Friday night and Saturday afternoon in the Union University Tournament in Jackson, Tenn.

"I just look at it as an event that's going to happen because



McKendree College's Harry Statham is within one victory of a college basketball milestone: His 880th victory, which would surpass the total won by North Carolina's Dean Smith, holder of the NCAA victory record.

I've been here for 39 years and we've had a consistent program with success," he said. "And we've had just great kids in our program."

McKendree is a small liberal arts college with 1,500 students, about 25 minutes east of St. Louis. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics is a rung below the NCAA, but Statham's numbers speak for themselves.

He's topped 20 victories in 29 of his 38 seasons at McKendree and probably will do it again this year, with his team already 7-1.

He's averaging 27 victories over the past 15 years. He's made

it to the postseason 33 times and took the Bearcats to the semifinals of the NAIA national tournament two seasons ago.

He was the NAIA coach of the year for 2002, set that level's career victory record the next season, and is already a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame.

"When I look at our players, that's what makes me proud," Statham said. "It's not one game, it's kind of the compilation of the big events. We did it right. I'm proud to say we didn't bend the rules. We've proved you can do it the right way."

Whether players are wearing short shorts or those baggy ones ting their hair short or growing it long, Statham has always looked for the same kind of kid. He wants players who are good people, good students and good players — in that order. "He cares about you as a per-

that droop below their knees, cut-

son before a player," said Chad Storck, a co-captain this year.

Storck, a co-captam this year.

Dennis Korte, who played on
Statham's first four teams at
McKendree, recailed that seven
of the nine Bearcats made the
dean's list his freshman year, and
McKendree's graduation rate is
see the mag short of McKendree
player, and phenoms looking for
a place to put up stars for a year
or two before cashing in on a
big-money NBA contract aren't
welcome.

The way Statham's teams play

hasn't changed much in 40 years. He's tweaked his offense and defense, adding a twist here and there as the game evolved. And he now recruits foreign players and junior-college transfers. But the Bearcats are still prima-

rily a fast-break team, just like Adolph Rupp's Kentucky Wildcats that Statham followed.

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Now Statham has more victories than his idol; Rupp won 876 games, second to Smith in NCAA history.

## **Grizzlies' Brown retires for health reasons**

BY TERESA M. WALKER

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Hubie Brown said he stepped down as the coach of the Memphis Grizzlies for two reasons: He lost his spirit, and because of medical issues he wants kept private.

"I need, on a daily basis, an energy and a stamina, and then with me it's a spirit, Brown said Friday at a news conference "But the key is spirit. See, the spirit is what gives you the passion on a daily basis.

"One day you wake up, you don't have that, and that's when you've got to understand that it's a time vou've got to walk.'

The 71-year-old Brown announced his retirement Thursday night, just seven months after he was selected NBA Coach of the Year for the second time in his long career.

Brown led Memphis to a franchise-best 50-32 record last season and its first playoff appearance. He was given medical clearance to return for his third season with the Grizzlies and had said he had no hesitation coming back.

But he announced his retirement a day after the Grizzlies fell to 5-7 with a 93-84 loss to the Seattle SuperSonics. Brown is 424-495 in the NBA and 528-559 including ABA games.

During the game, Brown was active, ar-



44 My biggest regret is that I didn't meet them when I was in my 40s and 50s

because I had more to give than I do now because I was more alert, more astute, more observant ... and I apologized to them because I met them too late in my life.

Memphis Grizzlies ex-coach

guing with officials, calling out plays and checking on players when they were in-

Brown was the oldest coach in the NBA when he returned to the league in 2002 after a 16-year break.

"We're going to miss this man tremendously, and more importantly, I think his footprints here ... will be hard to fill," Grizzlies president Jerry West said

Lionel Hollins was named the team's interim coach and was with the team in Minneanolis for its game Friday night against the Timberwolves.

"Obviously, I was saddened by it." Hollins said. "Coach Brown has done so much for this franchise and this organization, and the players that he developed and laid a strong foundation of winning, work ethic and discipline."

Brown said his medical problem developed about three weeks ago.

"People are thinking catastrophic levels. We're not talking about that," Brown said, declining to be more specific. "I've had things come up that your body gives vou a warning sign.

Brown, who led the Kentucky Colonels to the ABA championship in 1975, returned to coaching in 2002 after becoming a TV analyst. He also coached the Atlanta Hawks from 1976-81 and the New York Knicks from 1982-86.

At every stop, Brown's teams won more

games in his first full season than in the previous year.

Brown leaves as the winningest coach in Memphis history with an 83-85 record.

"What Hubie Brown has done for our league in the last two years has been great," Indiana Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said on Thursday. "He brought an injec-tion of life into that Memphis franchise and made them a playoff team.

"He's been a great coach for a long time, but his contributions to our game the last couple of years have been momentous.

His departure news conference lasted 50 minutes as Brown praised the fans, West, and his players. He told his team of his decision before they left for Minnesota.

"I told them you have regrets when you do this. My biggest regret is that I didn't meet them when I was in my 40s and 50s because I had more to give than I do now because I was more alert, more astute, more observant and I saw more." Brown "and I apologized to them because I met them too late in my life."

Memphis Grizzlies forward James Posey said before the season that Brown could have retired at that time without apologizing.

"He could sit back and have a couple of margaritas or something, but he chose to come back," Posey said. "That's why I love to be around him. He's not willing to give

## Depleted **Pacers** win again

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Another improbable win has the Indiana Pacers brimming with confidence. "Things aren't looking as bad for us as it was four days ago," for-

ward Austin Croshere said Indiana has Jamaal Tinsley to thank for that

Tinsley had 20 points, 14 as-



sists and seven rebounds lead the Pacers to 106-102 win over Minnesota on Thurs-

day night, their second win in three games without the suspended Ron Artest, Jermaine O'Neal and Stephen Jackson.

In the absence of their ton three scorers, the soft-spoken Tinsley has made the Pacers his team.

"Jamaal Tinsley is the facilitator for us." coach Rick Carlisle said. "Right now, he's doing things very few point guards in the league can do.'

Croshere had 25 points and 11 rebounds, and Fred Jones added 17 points for the Pacers, who seem to be taking a page out of Olympic gold medalist Argentina's playbook.

The Pacers used teamwork, superior three-point shooting and a relentless point guard to offset talent deficiencies

Indiana was 13-for-25 from three-point range, consistently beat the Timberwolves to loose balls and made the extra pass for



Indiana Pacers forward Austin Croshere, left, drives to the basket on Minnesota Timberwolves forward Trenton Hassell on Thursday.

wide open shots in their most impressive performance since Artest, O'Neal and Jackson were suspended for fighting with Detroit fans last week

On a night like tonight, when it looks like you're outmatched on paper significantly, you can't undersell guys coming together and playing together in front of great fans," Carlisle said.

Kevin Garnett led Minnesota with 23 points and nine rebounds, and Wally Szczerbiak added 18

Artest was suspended for the season, Jackson for 30 games, O'Neal for 25 and Johnson for five for their brawl with Detroit fans, who threw drinks, popcorn, a chair and other debris at Pacer

Indiana is also without Reggie Miller, Jeff Foster and Jonathan Bender, who are all on the injured list

Clippers 101, Nets 88: In Los Angeles, Marko Jaric scored 23 points to lead Los Angeles' balanced scoring and the Clippers beat New Jersey to run the Nets losing streak to seven games.

Elton Brand scored 17 points and Corey Maggette had 16 to help the Clippers end a three-game losing streak of their

Richard Jefferson scored 24 points for New Jersey, and Travis Best added 16.

The Nets' slump is their worst since the 2000-01 season, when they also dropped seven in a row from Jan. 23 to Feb. 2.

## **NBA** scoreboard

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#### Thursday Pacers 106, T-wolves 102

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#### Clippers 101, Nets 88

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#### **NBA** calendar

Jan. 5 — 10-day contracts may be signed. Jan. 10 — All player contracts guaranteed or rest of the season. Feb. 18-20 — All-Star weekend, De

April 20 — Regular season ends

April 23 — Playoffs begin. June 7-10 — NBA predraft camp, Chicago June 7 — Earliest possible NBA Finals star date. June 21 — Early entry draft withdrawal

ne 23 — Latest possible NBA Finals end

June 28 — NRA draft. New York.

## Respect is taking a beating

ourtesy lies bleeding on the floor. Sportsmanship is in a crumpled heap over in the corner

Simple civility is face down out in the alley.

And respect ... ahh, respect is on life support.

Aretha Franklin, the songbird with sweet, contagious soul, spells it out for all of us:

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T."

It's what we're missing in sports these days. And, by extension, in society, too.

We don't honor the game or respect its integrity or credit our foes or feel an obligation to our teammates or a debt of gratitude toward the fans. And in the end. most shameful of all, we dishonor ourselves.

We succumb to the punk philosophy. We celebrate, and then mimic, the thuggish.

Respect? That's for chumps, and the clueless and the cool-less.

It is not enough merely to win. We must embarrass the other team, humiliate our opponent, pose and flex and snarl, taunt and bait and provoke.

Or flip the bird to that moron in the SUV who cut us off in the mall parking lot.

Or curse the Little League umpire for his call at first base, no

is on top of the play and we are a hundred yards away.

Or stew in our bile at the slowness the supermarket checkout line in which we are grid-

college football game in South Carolina begins with a dust-up between opposing teams and ends with a full-field brawl, and the only consolation is that the fans didn't come down out of the stands and the players didn't go up into the

No, that was saved for the professionals, for an NBA game in Michigan, instead (Could you not offer a silent but

earnest thank-you that this did not occur in Philadelphia? All the old ghosts would have been dragged out of the closet: Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, snowballs, boos, et al. Folks, we dodged a lightning bolt.)

Now, frighteningly, the boundaries in sport have blurred. The playing field used to be off-limits, and the bleachers, too. But both borders were violated in that Pistons-Pacers game

There is no sanctuary now. No safe house. No cease-fire zone.

While he was meting out the punishment, NBA Commissioner David Stern, obviously shaken by the incident, mentioned the sacrosanct "social contract" between players and fans, and how it had been broken

He meant the unspoken understanding that there were certain things one side didn't do and certain places the other side didn't go. Now that understanding has been breached.

It has been obvious for some time now that there is a sense of disconnect, not just in the NBA but in most sports. The emotional tether is stretched thin. The mix is volatile: Pampered, indulged athletes feel a sense of entitlement and have no perspective at all (a star laments how he cannot feed his family on a paltry \$10 million per annum), and beer-brave provocateurs feel emboldened enough to fling whatever is handy, confident that they can hide in the crowd

Arrogance and cowardice on narade

The debate about exactly what the price of admission entitles a spectator to is ever continuing Common sense should be enough to set those boundaries. But lately our society has blurred that as well because we keep ourselves

South Carolina football players surround a Clemson player during the brawl near the end of last Saturday's game in Clemson, S.C.

in such an emotional froth with line or the white line. chat rooms and blogs and TV and whoever-shouts-loud est-wins crossfires.

It is doubtful that many civilians could last for very long in the NBA, where your critics may be sitting only a row behind you. Still, no matter the slur or the indignity, a player cannot go wading into the stands swinging with both fists. Ever.

Or, as a relief pitcher for the Texas Rangers did, throw a chair into the stands.

Nor should fans ever set so much as a big toe over the base-

So, what do we do:

I wish I were smart enough to have an answer.

The usual recommendations after such incidents include beefing up security, though that is all but logistically impossible, and

cutting off beer sales early. Or, we could start simply by being nicer to one another, by practicing a little of that "R-E-S-P-E-C-T."

Too simplistic, too naive, too old-fashioned, right?

Bill Lyon is a columnist for The Philadel-

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## **Palko leads Pitt upset in Backyard Brawl**



Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko (3) scores the game-winning touchdown as he drags West Virginia linebacker Adam Lehnortt into the end zone during the fourth quarter of Pittsburgh's 16-13 win on Thursday.

BY ALAN ROBINSON

PITTSBURGH — He won a game at Notre Dame that appeared lost in the fourth quarter. He won a game against rival West Virginia that appeared lost in the fourth quarter. With every game, Tyler Palko keeps taking the Pitt Panthers farther than they ever expected to go.

Now, after yet another comeback, Palko seems ready to take the Panthers (7-3, 4-2 Big East) where haven't gone in 22 seasons:

a New Year's Day bowl game. "This is a huge step for us," offensive tackle Rob Petitti said of Pittsburgh's 16-13 Backyard Brawl upset of No. 21 West Virgin-

ia on Thursday night.
"We're sick of people saying
we're not good ... of saying we
can't win big games. I remember
when the season started, and we
were like No. 70 in the country.
Nobody thought we could do
this."

Tyler Palko did.

He convinced the Panthers they could win at Notro Dame for the first time in 18 years, and he led two scoring drives in the final 3 minutes of the 41-38 upset victory on Nov. 13. He convinced the Panthers they could win Thursday night, even when they hadn't scored a touchdown all night and needed to drive nearly 75 yards in the closing minutes to do so.

"That's what I kept hearing when they gave me the keys to this bus — we need a quarterback who can win big games," the sophomore said, referring to Pit's recent history of failing against its

big rivals and ranked opponents. "I expect to win big games." Because Pitt suddenly can win

such games, the team that barely beat Division I-AA Furman and Big East weakling Temple appears headed to the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1, possibly against Florida State.

And if Syracuse should upset Big East leader Boston College on Saturday, the Panthers would likely wind up with the conference's guaranteed BCS bowl bid and a Fiesta Bowl date against Utah.

Last year, the Panthers finished 8-5 and lost to West Virginia and Notre Dame despite having Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald. Maybe Fitzgerald needed Tyler Palko, who has thrown for 1,159 yards and 11 touchdowns in his past four

"Ever since I've been here, it seems we come up short (in the fourth quarter)," Petitit said. "Tyler Palko won't let us do that. He expects us to win, and he's just great to have in the huddle. He's a great leader."

Palko, the son of one of Pittsburgh's top high school coaches, was only 14 of 38 for 165 yards and an interception but was nearly perfect while leading the decisive 73-yard drive. He completed four consecutive passes on third downs before scoring the go-ahead touchdown on a 2-yard rollout with 406 remaining

The Mountaineers (8-3, 4-2) had a chance to win until quarterback Rasheed Marshall — who ran for 104 yards and passed for 145 — threw incomplete on

fourth and 6 from the Pitt 33 with 42 seconds remaining. The play before, wide receiver Dwayne Thompson just missed completing a flea flicker pass into the end zone to Marshall that H.B. Blades might have tipped.

"It was a play we put in this week," said Marshall, who was without his top receiver, the suspended Chris Henry. "I had my hands on it and I felt it should have been a score."

The Mountaineers also felt it should have been a win, but special teams mistakes doomed them just as they did when Boston College returned two punts for touchdowns in a 36-17 upset in Morgantown on Nov. 13.

Brad Cooper missed two of four field-goal tries, Phil Brady averaged only 29.3 yards on four punts and the Mountaineers twice drew penalties for running into Pitt punter Adam Graessle

among their 89 penalty yards.
"They didn't play well enough
to beat us. Every time we got an
advantage, we hurt ourselves,"
West Virginia cornerback Adam
Joad." This one hurts really
bad."

West Virginia also caught a bad break when Lee appeared to trap one of his three third-down receptions on the decisive drive, only to be awarded the catch.

Now, instead of the Fiesta or Gator Bowl, the Mountaineers might have to settle for the Insight Bowl. "This season is not a total loss."

coach Rich Rodriguez said.

"We've won eight games this year, but it's very disappointing because we felt we had opportunities to win had we played better."

## Notre Dame could play key role in Heisman voting

BY ROBYN NORWOOD Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Matt Leinart was watching from the sideline the night people say Carson Palmer wrapped up the Heisman Trophy.

"It was awesome — Notre Dame playing at the Coliseum with Carson right in the thick of his Heisman campaign, and he has a great game," Leinart said. "It just really kind of solidified his position to win that trophy.

phy.
"It's cool that this year it's kind of the same kind of situation — national television. a big game."

With a chance to play for the national championship still in the balance, No. 1 USC has a lot more on the line against Notre Dame on Saturday at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum than adding another stiff-arming bronze to its collection.

Still, people like to say the Heisman goes through Notre Dame, and this will be as good a test as any of that theory.

Players from Notre Dame have won

rayers from Notre Dame nave won seven Heismans, more than any other school. They probably have anointed more winners for other schools as well.

Think Palmer in 2002, when he passed for 425 yards — most ever against Notre Dame — against an Irish defense that ranked among the nation's top five.

Think Desmond Howard in 1991, when Michigan went for the end zone on fourth and inches from the 25 and Howard stretched out to catch a ball hardly anyone thought he could reach.

Think USC's Charles White in 1979, when he ran for 261 yards, or Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett in 1976. A year after Dorsett had set a record that

still stands by rushing for 303 yards against the Irish, he ran for 61 on the opening play against them and finished with 181.

There was Roger Staubach in 1963, when he led Navy to its last victory over Notre Dame. And in 1952, it was Oklahoma's Billy Vessels, averaging more than 11 yards a carry in a 195-yard performance.

For years, Notre Dame has been the great barometer — partly because thrish were always good, and partly because they were always on TV. Not that a spectacular performance against Notre Dame is a prerequisite for winning the Heisman.

The point is, for ages, Notre Dame has been the standard-setter in Heisman

But should the Irish still be? Palmer riddled a unit that ranked second in the nation in pass-efficiency defense and was part of a 10-1 team that still had a chance to play in a BCS game.

Leinart will face a 6-4 team that ranks 72nd in pass-efficiency defense, dragged down by a weak secondary that has the Irish ranked 107th among 117 teams in pass yardage defense, giving up more than 261 a game.

People practically wanted to give Purdue's Kyle Orton the Heisman after he'd passed for 385 yards and four touchdowns against Notre Dame in October, and he isn't even a factor anymore.

Against the Irish, Boston College's Paul Peterson passed for 383 yards, and Pittsburgh's Tyler Palko threw for 334 yards and five touchdowns. "Notre Dame seems to put the stamp of

notre Dame seems to put the stamp of approval on everybody these days," said Dick Weiss of the New York Daily News, one of 923 Heisman voters and president of the Football Writers Association of America.

This isn't the last game for Leinart. He'll follow up his performance against Notre Dame with a game against UCLA — 57th in pass defense.

The question is whether playing Notre Dame means as much to Heisman hopefuls as it used to.

"No," said ESPN analyst Beano Cook, a longtime Heisman voter. "Now, everyone's on TV. If it weren't for cable, Barry Sanders doesn't win for Oklahoma State, Andre Ware doesn't win for Houston. Because of cable, you can show the highlights."

But logical or not, when it comes to the Heisman race, Notre Dame still matters.

"It's still a great stage," said Malcolm Moran of USA Today, another voter. "It's not the same rivalry if they're 64, but it's still national TV ... and the voters will be watching, because at that point, there's not that much on."

In a murky year for the Heisman, that might matter, as voters ponder whether to give another trophy to Oklahoma's Jason White. honor Leinart for his performance



Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart's Heisman Trophy bid could get a serious boost against Notre Dame on Saturday.

in leading the No. 1 team, pluck Utah's Alex Smith from near-obscurity or give it to Oklahoma freshman Adrian Peterson or

eye-catching USC sophomore Reggie Bush.
"A big night in that kind of spotlight,
even though they're a little down, in terms
of perception, that moment could be the tie-

breaker," Moran said.

And it is about moments, as much as it's about numbers.

## Olowokandi sits after arrest outside club

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Minnesota Timberwolves center Michael Olowokandi was arrested early Thursday after police used a stun gun to subdue him when he refused to leave a club

Olowokandi, 29, was taken into custody about 3 a.m. after he refused to leave Tike Bob's, said Indianapolis Police spokesman Sgt. Stephen Staletovich.



He was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal trespassing, misdemeanors, both Staletovich said.

The center was suspended by the team for Thursday night's game against the Indiana Pacers for "conduct detrimental to the team," Timberwolves general manager

Jim Stack said in a statement. Olowokandi was held overnight in an Indianapolis jail and released Thursday after-

Staletovich said the club's manager asked police, who were investigating another call, to help him get the 7-foot Olowokan di to leave. He refused, and police shocked him twice with a stun gun until he com-

plied and then took him into custody. "We are extremely disappointed in Michael Olowokandi's actions last night, Stack said. "Regardless of how the incident escalated, he never should have been in that situation. The Minnesota Timberwolves do not condone this type of behavior or any actions that negatively impact our franchise

Olowokandi is averaging 5.3 points and

Timberwolves point guard Sam Cassell said the situation would not distract the

"Distractions only happen on the court," Cassell said. "Michael's a human being. We support him. Let's not jump on him. Let's get all the facts first "

Stack alluded to the Pacers' brawl with Detroit fans last week in chastising Olowokandi. Ron Artest was suspended for the season, Stephen Jackson for 30 games and Jermaine O'Neal for 25 games for fighting with Pistons fans who threw drinks, popcorn a chair and other debris at them

"The heightened sensitivity to these types of issues in the league today make his actions even more disappointing, Stack said.

#### Wizards coach hospitalized

WASHINGTON - Washington Wizards coach Eddie Jordan was hospitalized with a blood clot in his left leg and will miss the

next two games Jordan, 49, felt discomfort in his leg and was hospitalized Thursday night after consulting with a team trainer, the Wizards said Friday. He was resting comfortably and was expected to remain in the hospital for several days

Assistant Mike O'Koren will coach the team during Jordan's absence. The Wizards play the Philadelphia 76ers on Friday night and the Toronto Raptors on Sunday Jordan is in his second season with the

Wizards, after four years as an assistant with the New Jersey Nets. He also coached the Sacramento Kings in the 1997-98 sea-

#### **IOC** recommends expulsion for Bulgarian official

LAUSANNE. Switzerland - The IOC recommended Friday that Bulgaria's top Olympic official be expelled from the organization for unethical conduct.

Ivan Slavkov has been suspended from the IOC since Aug. 7 after being implicated in a BBC television investigation into alleged corruption in the bid city process. IOC president Jacques Rogge said the executive board found Slavkov has "not abided by the Olympic charter and he has tarnished the image of the International Olympic Committee."

There is zero tolerance for unethical behavior in the IOC and today's decision rein-forces this position," Rogge said.

The executive board acted on the recommendation of the IOC ethics commission A final decision goes to the full IOC general assembly, which meets in July in Sin-gapore. A two-thirds vote of the 100-plus members is required for expulsion.

Slavkov was secretly filmed by an undercover crew discussing how votes could be bought in the race for the 2012 Summer Olympics. He contends he knew it was a setup and played along to expose what he thought was a real attempt to corrupt the process

The 64-year-old Slavkov, president of Bulgaria's national Olympic committee and an IOC member since 1987, is taking legal action against the BBC for using "illegal means of surveillance.

#### Russia, France to play for Fed Cup

MOSCOW - Defending champion

Thursday and will play for the Fed Cup championship.

French Open champion Anastasia Myskina and U.S. Open winner Svetlana Kuznetsova won singles matches to power Russia past Austria 5-0. France, led by Nathalie Dechy and Tatiana Golovin, defeated Spain by the same score.

France beat Russia in the semifinals in Moscow last season.

France will be playing in its third final this weekend, having won the previous two. Russia is in the fifth final but has never won.

'If we don't succeed in playing our best tennis, we have no chance to win at all, France captain Guy Forget said. "And if we do manage to play our best tennis from the first point to the last - which is not - maybe we have a small chance.

Myskina rallied past Yvonnes Meusburg er 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 to give Russia an unbeatable 3-0 lead. Kuznetsova then routed Daniela Kix 6-1, 6-1, and the doubles team of Elena Likhovtseva and Kuznetsova completed the rout with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Meusburger and Patricia Wartusch.

The Russian team faces a delicate mat-ter after Myskina said she will quit the Fed Cup squad if Maria Sharapova joins the squad next year. Myskina says she doesn't like the Wimbledon champion's father.

Sharapova has never played for the team, and she wasn't invited because of her tight calendar, captain Shamil Tarpischev said.

Myskina said her problem is with Sharapova's father and coach, Yuri.

"I feel his behavior is totally incorrect. simply rude. I don't want to be around people like him," Myskina said.



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## 'Tis the season to focus on tuning out unruly athletes

BY DALE HOFMANN

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE - The truly brave and impatient started their holiday shopping Friday while the rest of us enjoy the Christmas music and perfect our procrastination skills. It's a special time of year for everybody, and wouldn't it be nice if the world of sports treated it that way just once

What do you suppose would happen if athletes, coaches, owners, advertisers, broadcasters and fans designated the weeks be-tween now and New Year's Day as time off for good behavior They might not know how to act at first, but chances are it would come to them before long.

If all those unpaid suspensions left the Indiana Pacers short on players, at least it improved their cash flow. They could repair some public relations damage by donating the extra money they don't use for signing replace ments to food pantries throughout the Midwest for the holidays.

The unrepentant Ron Artest might want to consider earmarking some of the proceeds from the CD he now has all year to promote to mental health charities. And CD consumers who care about sports should spend their gift allot-ments on just about anything else to send Artest a message

We're hearing so much these days about the disconnect between athletes and the public. It's expressed at best in grumbling and at worst in thrown cups and



chairs, when all the fans really have to do to resolve it is vote with their feet

Just from now until New Year's, all of the folks who disapprove of acts like Kobe Bryant's adultery or the Pacers players' thuggery should make it a point not to cheer or boo them, but simply to stay home or snap off the TV wherever they ap-

Far better to focus on real he-

Holiday note to season ticket holders: Find somebody who's on the way to Iraq or on the way back and give him or her your seats for one game between now and the end of the year.

Holiday note to teams: Find those same people and let them in free to every game that is not sold out between now and January

Holiday note to radio and televion talking heads: Talk about those generous season ticket holders and teams and suggest to your angry regulars to give it a rest. Spend the air time instead on athletes who give their time and money to causes because it's right, not because it's a write-off.

Holiday note to players: Look into joining the quiet athletes. get around to seeing some people in hospitals, nursing homes, schools and Boys and Girls Clubs, because you could be the best gift they get this year. Maybe the only one

## Henson's time will have to wait

#### Testaverde replaces rookie. leads fourth-quarter rally in win over bumbling Bears

BY JAIME ARON The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas - Bill Parcells wants to develop Drew Henson into an NFL quarterback and he wants to win games. If he has to pick one, he'll take winning every time.

So with the Dallas Cowboys and Chicago Bears playing terribly and tied at halftime, Parcells decided he'd seen enough from the rookie. He pulled Henson from his first start, turned to Vinny Testaverde and walked away smiling with a 21-7 victory Thursday, ending a three-game losing streak and winning for just the second time since September.

"I'm going to relax and enjoy this," Parcells said

"I didn't know whether we were going to get another one or not for a while."

At least the Cowboys (4-7) came away feeling good about one voungster on offense, running back Julius Jones. The second-round pick from Notre Dame followed his 81-yard, 30-carry performance in his starting debut last Sunday with 150 yards and two touchdowns on 33 carries.

This game was going to be memorable for Jones regardless of the outcome because he was starting against his big brother, Chicago running back Thomas Jones. That Jones was the best thing the Bears (4-7) had on offense, too, but his 46 yards on 14 car-

ries and 48 more on six receptions weren't enough. When time expired, they shared a long hug, with Thomas holding Julius' head and whispering congratulations into his ear. They then smiled and posed for pictures

"It was really a blessing for me to be out there and playing with my brother and having all my family watching me." Julius Jones said. "It's something we dreamed about."

Henson also dreamed about this opportunity, his first NFL start and his first in a meaningful game since the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1, 2001, when he was a junior at Michigan. He spent the past three years playing baseball in the New York Yankees organiza-

tion, then decided to return to football late last year He made his debut five days earlier, going 6-for-6 with a touchdown at the end of a lopsided loss after Testaverde was hurt.

Parcells was reluctant to start Henson, but had to give him most of the work in practice while Testaverde rested

Henson seemed to pick up where he'd left off, leading a 62-yard, five-play drive that included a nifty 33-yard touchdown run by Julius Jones. But the only points Henson produced the rest of the half were for Chicago - an interception that R.W. Mc-Ouarters returned 45 vards for touchdown

Henson went into halftime four of 12 for 31 yards Parcells told him, "Good job," and that he was going with Testaverde

Henson spent the second half mostly standing alone, flipping through overhead pictures and listening to play calls.



#### Dallas quarterback Drew Henson made his first NFL start on Thursday and was pulled after the first half.

"You go in and try not to make mistakes, but the times that you do, you just learn from it." Henson said. "There were a couple of throws I'd like back, but we got out of here with a win. That's something to build on

The way Dallas has been playing, fans would gladtrade losses to get experience for Henson. He got the loudest cheers in pregame introductions and

Testaverde was booed when he took over. "I know everyone has been clamoring for this. I don't care." Parcells said. "I've got other peoples' interests to consider. I really don't care. I'm going to do what I think is best.'

o what I think is best.

Testavede started slowly, then in the fourth quarter capped a Julius Jones-led drive with a 2-yard touchdown pass to Darian Barnes. An interception on Chicago's next snap brought the Cowboys right back onto the field and soon thereafter Jones scampered 4 yards up the middle for his second touchdown

Parcells wouldn't say who will start at quarterback at Seattle on Monday night. The Rears lost their second straight since winning

three in a row. Again, an ineffective offense was mostly to blame.

Rookie quarterback Craig Krenzel went 5-for-10 for 46 yards, then left with a sprained ankle midway

through the second quarter. Replacement Jonathan Quinn was 10-for-21 for 86 yards with two interceptions, both in the fourth

Bears coach Lovie Smith is so exasperated by his quarterback play that he jokingly asked a reporter, "Can you play quarterback?"

"The defense kept us in it," Smith said. "We had a chance to win '

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### Lions' Drummond out for year

The Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. fractured shoulder blade will keep Detroit Lions return specialist Eddie Drummond out for the remainder of the season

A CT scan showed a minor break, coach Steve Mariucci said Friday. The team had not decided

whether to place Drummond on injured reserve.

"He's going to be out," Mariucci said. "The sad part is that this probably keeps him off the Pro Bowl ballot.

Drummond, who has scored on four punt and kickoff returns this season, was hurt on the opening kickoff of the second half of Detroit's 41-9 Thanksgiving Day loss to Indianapolis.

He will miss the chance to be the first NFL player with five scores off punt or kickoff returns in a season.

## **Records:** Manning's memorable season might be short of Super

said

least four TD passes in five straight games and having 41 in 11 games

He wasn't just mouthing the words so the guys he plays with would be happy. Yes, he got a \$34.5 million signing bonus this year, but that and the rest of his \$98 million contract wasn't given to him simply to get his name in the record book

"I feel uncomfortable talking about any-thing individual," Manning said. "I just want to keep winning.

His teammates weren't so reserved

'When he's retired, they'll compare everybody to Peyton Manning, without a doubt," said Brandon Stoklev. who caught three of Manning's touchdown passes in a 41-9 romp over the Detroit Lions. "It's awesome what he's doing and it's awesome what our team is doing," offensive tackle Tarik Glenn said.

Awesome may not be the word to describe the Colts, though it might be if they could play the Lions every week. Two touchdown passes in 90 seconds of the second quarter put the game away, and Manning watched the fourth quarter from the bench.

Indianapolis is 8-3 and leading the AFC South, but as good as the offense is, the Colts are almost as shaky on the other side of the ball. The defense has played better the past three games, but still ranks 31st in vards allowed

Stokley and others expect Manning to throw at least four touchdown passes a game, but the deeper you go into the playoffs the harder that is to do.

"There is going to be a time, or there might be three times, when you have to shut people down," coach Tony Dungy

Even less encouraging for the Colts making a Super Bowl run for the first time since 1970 when they were in Baltimore and led by a quarterback named Johnny Unitas is that Indianapolis will likely have to go on the road and win in a cold place like Pittsburgh or New England.

And, if the Colts don't get it done this ear, it figures to get even tougher. Both Edgerrin James and Marvin Harrison are free agents and, with Manning's huge contract, it's unlikely Indianapolis can afford to keep both.

For now, though, this season is rapidly nearing an end. Just five regular-season games remain, and the Colts can start peek ing ahead to some possible playoff matchups that might get them in the Super Bowl.

"That's the goal. That's what it's always been for me," Manning said. "We've been knocking on the door. Hopefully, we'll have an opportunity to get to the playoffs. That's all we want to do — get to the play-offs and maybe try to get hot."

If they do, Manning just might get the ring that helps define great quarterbacks.

If not, it will be a long offseason no matter how many times his name goes in the record books

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## **Branching out with Deion**

### Patriots' passing game becomes more dangerous with Branch back

BY HOWARD ULMAN

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — For seven straight games, Tom Brady would drop back, look for a receiver and not see one of his favorites, Deion Branch.

That changed last Monday night when the New England Patriots' dangerous combination reconnected as Branch returned from a knee injury.

"He's just a tremendous player," Brady said. "Deion ran some great routes and whenever I saw him I tried to get him the ball."

He did that six times for 105 yards in Monday's 27-19 victory at Kansas City. One short completion turned into a 26-yard touchdown when Branch made the catch on the left side, cut across the field and eluded several defenders.

Not bad for his first game in two months.
"I felt a little rusty in practice," Branch said. "I think once the game started I was so emotionally high, I think the main thing, I just wanted to go out and help my team-

It probably won't be as easy in his next game Sunday against the Baltimore Ravens, who have allowed the fewest points in the NFL and have the third-best pass defense, featuring defensive backs Ed Reed and Chris McAllister.

"I don't think it gets any easier," Branch said. "It's the best defense in the league by far, great linebackers, the secondary is

The Patriots did well without Branch, going 6-1. David Givens stepped in as the





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primary receiver and caught 33 passes in the seven games. But Branch provides Brady with another talented target and frees up wide receiver Troy Brown to spend more time filling in at cornerback, where starters Ty Law and Tyrone Poole have been sidelined

"Deion's a great player," Brown said.
"He worked hard to get back to where he
is. I saw the guy rehabbing and working
out and getting himself ready."

Branch had 43 catches as a rookie in 2002 after being drafted in the second round out of Louisville. Last season, he led the Patriots with 57 catches and added 10 more, including the first touchdown, in the 32-29 Super Bowl victory over Carolina.

He started this season with seven receptions and a touchdown in an opening-game victory over Indianapolis. But in the Patriots' next game at Arizona, he made just one catch before being hurt on the last play of the first half.

He was pursuing linebacker James Dar-

ling, who was returning an interception. Guard Stephen Neal was behind Branch and fell into him when blocked from behind by defensive tackle Darnell Dockett. Branch didn't play again until last Mon-

day.
"You forget how special he is catching the ball and running after the catch," tight end Christian Fauria said. "It's like he never missed a game. He came back in and made a bunch of huge plays for us."

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Branch was frustrated that he was in the training room trying to get healthy while his teammates were practicing for another game. He didn't even travel to all the road

But he wanted to make sure he was completely ready before getting back on the field with Brady.

"I don't think you can contribute and help your team get better being out there 50 to 75 percent (healthy)," Branch said. "You can hurt yourself by doing that, as well."

Brady was in his third season, and second as a starter, when Branch joined the Patriots. It didn't take long for that combination to click.

"We're getting better and learning each other a whole lot more being that we work so hard in the offseason during minicamp and training camp," Branch said. "The comfort level is great. We can only get better."

As long as Branch can avoid injury.

"We always like everyone healthy, but the reality of the NFL is you just don't get that very often," Brady said. "So you really need to take advantage when you do get



New England's Deion Branch made an auspicious return from the injured list with six receptions for 105 yards and a touchdown last week against the Kansas City Chiefs. On Sunday, he'll go against perhaps the toughest defense in the NFL when the Patriots play the Baltimore Ravens.

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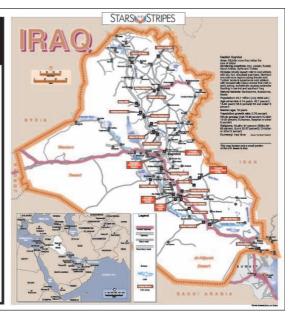
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## Records, not rings, within reach





## Peyton's place in history might hinge on Colts' problematic postseason woes

The Associated Press

Peyton Manning had barely made it to the locker room, and already the talking heads on the network NFL shows were debating his



place in history. Two of them had more than a passing interest in what will almost certainly become the greatest one season passing display by an

NFL quarterback. Dan Marino watched as Manning threw six touchdowns in less than three quarters, breaking one of his records in the process. Barring a broken right arm, he's also a lock to erase the record of 48 touchdown passes in a season Marino set in 1984

"I thought 48 was something no one would touch or get close to," Marino said.

Marino has held the record for 20 years, but



Most TD passes in a season

Dan Marino, Mia. '84 ..48 Dan Marino, Mia. '86 ..44 P. Manning, Ind. '04 ....41 Kurt Warner, St.L. '99 .41 Brett Favre, G.B. '96 ....39

Manning needs just eight touchdown passes in his next five games to take it away.

Unlike Marino, Terry Bradshaw owns something no one can take away — four Super Bowl rings. Marino may be the career passing yardage leader with 61,361 yards, but he got to the big game only once - in his second sea-

son - and never won one in 17 years. Statistics are great to settle bar bets, and they're a good way to fill up record books. But great players are remembered by how much they won, and Marino's legacy will always be tarnished by the fact he never won the big one.

Bradshaw did, so allow him some slack for bragging about it on Thanksgiving Day.

"My passing rating? It was four Super Bowls," Bradshaw said.

Manning hopes to someday be able to make a similar claim for himself. He's already won an MVP award and figures to win another this year unless he and the Indianapolis Colts collapse in the final month of the season

But right now Manning has more in common with Marino than he has with Bradshaw He's easily the most talented quarterback in the league — not to mention the highest paid - but he's in his seventh year and hasn't sniffed a Super Bowl yet.

Before last year, in fact, Manning hadn't even won a playoff game.

Manning knows that as well as anyone. As unflappable as he was on the field Thursday, he became just as flustered afterward when asked about setting an NFL record with at

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